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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

CHINA Ambassador Stuart reports that a recent conversation with one top Chinese official was quite indicative to him of the current befuddlement in high government circles and the obvious inability of the Chinese leaders to take any measures to help themselves. The Chinese Premier has also reported to our Embassy that on a recent trip to Peiping, Tientsin and Tsingtao he found everybody in an exceedingly depressed frame of mind.

KASHMIR Embassy London reports that it is quite obvious the recent conversations in London between the Indian and Pakistan Prime Ministers made no noteworthy progress toward a settlement of the Kashmir problem and that it is now likely the Security Council will have to resume consideration of the case without any prospect for a direct settlement. British Foreign Office officials, however, do not take an altogether gloomy view of the situation, since they feel the two prime ministers worked together very well on Commonwealth problems while in London.

SCANDINAVIA Norwegian Foreign Minister Lange has informed our Embassy in Oslo that while Denmark and Norway have urged Sweden to hasten the current defense discussions, he was not hopeful of the ultimate results. He felt they might be able to secure a regional defense agreement tacitly aimed at the USSR or an agreement for joint defense of a limited sector of Scandinavia. Lange also expressed the opinion that it would be better to allow the Scandinavian countries to operate a defense pact alone without tying it to Western Union, pointing out that even in Norway he had difficult problems before he could secure approval of a close alliance with the west.

BERLIN Our representatives in Paris report that at yesterday's meeting of the three western foreign ministers on the Berlin problem, there was general agreement that we had already gone to the limit in accepting the Security Council resolution which the Soviets vetoed and that we should now do nothing which might appear to weaken our case. At the same time they felt it would be a mistake to attempt to take the matter to the General Assembly at this time and that the US, UK and France must be ready for further negotiations on this question, though without taking the initiative.

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