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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

SOVIET UNION Ambassador Smith considers that the recent Stalin interview is another example of the Soviet tactic of accusing others of doing what the USSR is doing or intends to do. Reviewed in this light, Stalin's declaration suggests that the USSR is not interested in reaching any agreement with the west on the Berlin issue. The French Ambassador in Moscow has already been indirectly advised that the omission of France from charges against the US and UK was a deliberate invitation to France to step out of the western bloc and adopt an attitude of neutrality. The French Ambassador notes that a similar invitation was addressed to his government by the Germans in 1914 and 1939. The message to the French Ambassador reiterated the argument that the US and UK do not want agreement and went on to say that the USSR is "ready to defend itself in armed hostilities" against the present threats from abroad.

INDONESIA Our special representative in Batavia reports that while he has not been prone to predict a resumption of police action by the Dutch in Indonesia he cannot disregard indications from various different quarters suggesting that possibility. Our Ambassador at The Hague, while impressed with the sincerity and earnestness of the new High Commission to Indonesia, has learned from other sources that the Netherlands government is contemplating police action within the next few weeks and predicts that we should be prepared for this eventuality if the negotiations in Batavia break down after they are resumed.

GREECE We are informing our representatives in Athens that we approve increasing the size of the Greek army by 15,000 subject to the conditions that (1) expenditures be met from the presently allocated military aid program, (2) the increase not involve additional military equipment, and (3) the 24-month service period be lengthened in accordance with demands of the present critical situation. We realize that this is not entirely satisfactory from the Greek standpoint but feel that we must forestall further delay by the Greek army on the illusion that increased forces will be made available to accomplish the task at hand.

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