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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

BERLIN We have informed our delegation in Paris that we consider the recent Sokolovski letter to the three western commanders in Berlin a blatant effort to place responsibility upon the western powers for the December 5 elections, making them appear responsible for splitting the city administration. Coupled with yesterday's developments in Berlin this supplies clear evidence that the Soviets are using illegal methods to secure control of the city. In our opinion these methods may well constitute a threat to the peace equivalent to that created by the blockade and should therefore not go unanswered by the western powers.

PALESTINE The initial Arab reactions to the Israeli application for UN membership, according to our delegation in Paris, reflect considerable anger, disappointment and further disillusionment with the US and UN despite all of the counter-arguments advanced by the US representatives. Virtually all the Arabs are unable to understand how a state with undefined boundaries and with a government recognized by only 17 nations can expect favorable action on its application for UN membership. However, no Arab state has threatened to withdraw from UN in the event Israel is elected, and our delegation feels that at this point it is impossible to predict what effect the application for membership may have on efforts to secure a peaceful settlement of the Palestine case.

ITALIAN COLONIES We have pointed out to our delegation in Paris that in formulating detailed positions on the Italian colonies, as the question comes up for voting, they must keep very much in mind the damaging effect which the US position may have on the present Italian government. They should make clear that the US position in favor of postponement of the final decision on Tripolitania does not preclude eventual Italian trusteeship, and if possible they should avoid voting against Italy on each phase of the resolution as it is debated. In the event our basic position cannot be secured in its entirety, we continue to favor postponement of a decision on all the colonies at this session of the General Assembly.

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