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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

INDONESIA US representative Cochran reports from Batavia that there is little chance the discussions between the Indonesian Republic and the Netherlands will be renewed, and indicates there is now "no alternative" to immediate debate of the Indonesian question before the Security Council. Further confirmation of a widening rift between the two parties is evidenced in the Dutch reply rejecting the premises of our aide-memoire, indicting the Republic for its failure to recognize the sovereignty of the Netherlands during the interim period before the establishment of the United States of Indonesia, and making clear that, unless such recognition is forthcoming, the Netherlands government will have to make a "final decision" on the method of "implementing its pledges to the peoples of the Netherlands and Indonesia." In view of the Dutch insistence on this position -- which was reiterated to the British Ambassador at The Hague and to our UN delegation in Paris -- Cochran recommends that we consider withdrawal from the Good Offices Committee and reiteration in the Security Council of our favorable opinion of the "draft agreement", because he feels that the Good Offices Committee will be practically useless unless US and SC intervention proves effective.

PALESTINE Our representative in Amman reports UK opinion that events there are rapidly moving to the point where Transjordan may soon begin negotiations with Israel on a government-to-government basis. These talks may commence when Transjordan is assured it has UK support. King Abdullah and his Prime Minister are beginning to feel that the opinions of the other Arab states, with the possible exception of Egypt, are of no importance in the Palestine situation. According to our Consul in Jerusalem, the Israelis feel that now is the psychological moment to begin armistice talks with Transjordan directly.

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BERLIN We have urged the French government to instruct its military governor in Germany, in concert with the military governors of the US and UK, to introduce the western mark as the sole legal tender in the western sectors of Berlin at the earliest possible moment. The mark, which would be perforated "B" for identification purposes only, would also be legal tender in the western-occupied zones of Germany. We consider it urgent that this action proceed without further delay to prevent the economic deterioration in the western sectors of Berlin. Our Ambassador in Paris reports the UK has informed the French that its military governor has been advised to reach a coordinated decision as soon as possible on introduction of the western mark in Berlin. The British instructions give the impression that the UK is willing to accept any particular formula agreeable to the other western powers.