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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

GERMANY We have forwarded to London and Paris for the comments of the British and French governments a proposed note of protest to the Soviet Union over the situation in Berlin, proposing immediate consultations for the purpose of settling this issue. We pointed out that, while we would prefer a three-power approach to Moscow, we plan to send the note or to make an equivalent statement ourselves failing agreement with the British and French.

Attlee and Bevin have already informed Douglas that they agree, in principle, to sending the note, but they do not believe the note should suggest negotiations through the CFM or reference of the dispute to UN. They also favor delaying its dispatch for another day. From Paris Ambassador Caffery reports that while French officials may disagree as to the wisdom of the original Allied stand on Berlin, they are united now in the belief that the western powers must at all costs remain or suffer a shattering loss of prestige.

Both the US and UK representatives in Berlin feel that while Sokolovsky's reply to the British Commander can be considered as preparation for a reversal of the Soviet position, it remains a typical example of Soviet "vague and implied promises" and offers no satisfactory guarantees for a solution of the present crisis.

YUGOSLAVIA We are instructing all of our representatives abroad that they should not detract from the dignity of our position by exhibiting an excessive friendliness for the Yugoslav leaders or by indulging in exaggerated hopes that the Tito regime will soon become an integral part of the western world. At the same time it should be made clear that we would welcome a genuine re-emergence of Yugoslavia as a political personality in its own right.

PALESTINE The Jewish military commander in Jerusalem has indicated that the Israel Government does not desire, for political and military reasons, an extension of the present truce, while Arab leaders in Cairo have indicated to our Embassy that Count Bernadotte's peace proposals are unacceptable to the Arabs and that unless some better suggestion is forthcoming, the Arabs will have no choice but to resume fighting on July 9.

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