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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

MILITARY AID PROGRAM Our Ambassador in The Hague has added his concurrence in the views expressed by Douglas and Harriman on the bad effects that any delay in the passage of military aid legislation would have in Europe. Our Ambassador believes that if the Dutch fail to receive early assurances that military aid will be forthcoming, this would reinforce the arguments of those who believe that the Netherlands cannot possibly establish an adequate modern defense system and should, therefore, for economic and fiscal reasons adopt a minimum defense program. Our Ambassador in Paris, in expressing his concurrence in the views of Douglas and Harriman, says that, in the absence of military assistance, the French will regard the Atlantic Pact as incomplete and will be increasingly open to the Communist whispering campaign to the effect that the pact is a dangerous piece of paper in that it is provocative to the Soviets without furnishing the means to discourage or resist their possible reaction to such provocation.

CHINA The Communist head of the Aliens Affairs Bureau in Nanking has informed Ambassador Stuart's secretary that in order to accomplish the Communist goal of achieving Chinese economic recovery, the civil war must be ended and American aid, which will be decisive, must be received.

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