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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

ATLANTIC PACT Reacting to our statement of the urgency of further efforts by the North Atlantic Pact countries at this time, Dutch Foreign Minister Stikker has informed Ambassador Chapin at The Hague that Stikker has been personally advocating a stepped-up defense program. Stikker said, however, that he was meeting considerable opposition within the Dutch cabinet. Chapin adds his estimate that Dutch public opinion is "further ahead" in its concern for the need to strengthen European armed forces than the Cabinet opinion which Stikker is endeavoring to combat. Norwegian Foreign Minister Lange told Ambassador Bay in Oslo that Norway is prepared to keep step with other Atlantic Pact countries and will take all possible moves to speed up its defense program. Lange said that if necessary he is prepared to call a special parliamentary session to consider the matter. Ambassador Murphy in Brussels reports that while the Cabinet members in Belgium are "hopelessly enmeshed" in the royal question, he hopes that he will be able to stimulate urgent consideration of our proposals.

KOREA Prime Minister Attlee has informed Ambassador Douglas in London of the UK's decision to send ground forces to Korea. The forces, which will be "self-contained" and dispatched from the UK, will consist of a brigade group, three battalions of infantry, an armored regiment and supporting artillery. However, two months may elapse before the movement to Korea can commence.

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