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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

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Ambassador Henderson in New Delhi agrees with the view that the present situation in Southeast Asia is extremely dangerous. He points out that the Pan-Asian movement, the germs of which have existed for some time, has been quickened by the Palestine situation, is gaining momentum as a result of the Indonesian situation, and is being strengthened by propaganda of the Communists and anti-white antagonists that the US is endeavoring to restore the hegemony of western Europe over the peoples of Asia and Africa. Henderson cautions that the people of Asia from the Arab world to the Philippines are now on the move and that we may be compelled to have a new look at our general foreign policy if we are to prevent that move from being in a direction away from the US.

ATLANTIC PACT

The Portuguese Foreign Minister has handed the British Ambassador in Lisbon a long memorandum developing the views of his government concerning the question of a North Atlantic mutual assistance pact. In presenting this memorandum the Foreign Minister stated that his government was emphatically of the opinion that some such pact would appear indispensable to the maintenance of peace, but he indicated certain reservations along the following lines: 1) Portugal would be reluctant to see the conclusion of the pact linked to the idea of a close European federation; 2) Portugal would be reluctant to see the pact used primarily for the establishment in peacetime of bases on Portuguese territory; 3) while appreciating the problem which Spain presents to the other western powers, Portugal feels it is impossible in the long run to avoid considering the Spanish question in connection with a North Atlantic pact.

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