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TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STETTINIUS, UNCIO, SAN FRANCISCO

1, June 8

The following is my daily message to you on developments at the conference:

1. Voting procedure. At the request of Ambassador Gromyko a meeting of the Big Five was held in my office this afternoon, he having previously informed me that he had received his instructions on the subject of voting procedure. At this meeting he announced that the Soviet Government, "in the interest of unanimity among the major powers and in order to speed the work of the conference" agrees that the veto shall not apply to the consideration and discussion of disputes under paragraph 2, section (A) chapter VIII, the Ambassador added that to carry out this interpretation an adaption of the draft statement of May 26 of the four sponsoring governments is necessary in order to prevent further attempts to obtain exceptions for other paragraphs of section VIII, (A) and with respect to other questions on which the Council would vote. A subcommittee of the Big Five is therefore meeting again this evening in order to work out a redraft of this statement.

As soon as I learned from Ambassador Gromyko that he had received his instructions I immediately called a meeting of the Steering Committee which was held immediately after the meeting of the Big Five. I announced to the Steering Committee that complete agreement had been reached among the four sponsoring powers and France upon an interpretation of the voting procedure under which



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under which no single state would be able to prevent the hearing, discussion and consideration of a dispute by the Security Council. This announcement was greeted, as were my subsequent statements, with warm applause. I continued by pointing out that this agreement on this central point justified the faith and confidence which we had all had that our high endeavor at San Francisco would be successfully carried out. I urged that all delegations now bend their energies to bringing the work of the conference to a satisfactory conclusion at the earliest possible time and expressed the hope that it might be possible to do so within about ten days. The fact that the Big Five had reached agreement upon this vital issue and that I had come directly from the Big Five meeting to announce this successful outcome to the chiefs of all the delegations created an extremely favorable impression. We intend to take advantage of this propitious atmosphere to expedite the work of the committees and commissions of the conference in every appropriate way and to maintain the feeling of harmony and general satisfactory which now exists.

2. Executive Committee. At its meeting this morning the Executive Committee agreed to recommend to the Steering Committee that the question of expulsion should be referred back to the appropriate technical committee for consideration.

3. Work of committees of the conference.

A. United Nations. The technical committee approved unanimously and by acclamation with all the delegates standing the name "United Nations" for the new international organization.

B. International law

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B. International law. A technical committee approved a recommendation of the U.S. that a clause which had been approved by a subcommittee authorizing the General Assembly to make recommendations for the "revision of international law" should be altered to refer to the "progressive development of international law."

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