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GENERAL

1. Plans for provisional German government continued--The Department of State has informed US Ambassador Douglas of its view that plans for the establishment of a provisional government in western Germany should not be delayed, despite the recently expressed French view that delay might be desirable in view of the apparent softening of Soviet policy. The US does not believe that the "apparent softening" of Soviet policy means that the USSR will cooperate in the forming of a German policy essential to the needs of western Europe. The Department considers that delay on this question would be construed by the USSR as evidence of weakness and would have an unfortunate effect on German morale.
2. US desires no further delay in adjourning treaty talks--The Department of State has advised the US delegation at the Austrian treaty negotiations in London that if the USSR does not indicate within the next few days its readiness to accept Austria's 1937 frontiers and to abandon claims for reparations, the negotiations should be adjourned.

EUROPE

3. USSR: Conference of Soviet-Satellite political police planned--US Ambassador Caffery in Paris has been told by a "trustworthy informant" that an important conference of political police, including Soviet and Satellite representatives, will be held in Warsaw next July. The agenda reportedly includes discussion on: frontier controls aimed at preventing the re-entrance of political refugees; measures for the penetration of refugee organizations; and uniform surveillance of the officials of all governments who have signed the Brussels Treaty.

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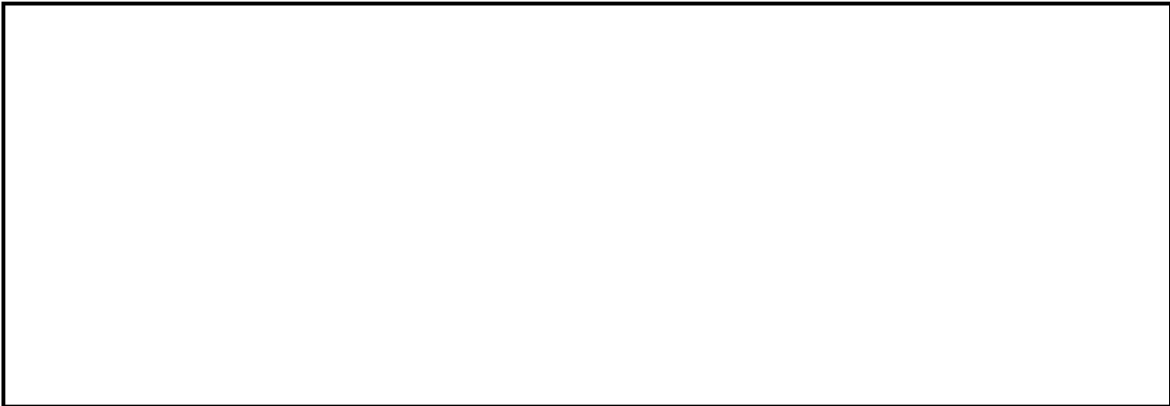
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(CIA Comment: While no confirmation of the above report is as yet available, CIA believes that such a conference may be planned in order to strengthen the security of the Soviet orbit.)

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Israel considered to need outside support--US Consul General Wasson in Jerusalem expresses the opinion that although the Jews have a better than even chance of maintaining military control over a large portion of the area allotted to the Jews by the UN partition plan, the Jewish state will be unable to survive long in the midst of hostile Arab states without "generous and immediate" support from abroad. Wasson adds that a favorable atmosphere for the growth of Israel may be created by the continuance of moral and material support from the outside and the adoption of a "reasonable" Zionist policy toward the Arabs (particularly Abdullah).

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