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GENERAL

1. Greeks may propose eastern Mediterranean union--According to US Embassy London, the British Foreign Office has learned that Greek Foreign Minister Tsaldaris intends to propose to Turkish Foreign Minister Sadak a Turkish-Greek declaration which would "go beyond the usual declarations of friendship." The proposed declaration would envisage an eastern Mediterranean union (along the lines of the western European union) and would include Turks, Greeks, and Arabs. The British Foreign Office indicates that it has no objection to the declaration.

EUROPE

2. USSR: Soviet Union unwilling to settle minor differences--US Ambassador Smith in Moscow reports, after a long discussion with Deputy Foreign Minister Vishinski concerning incidents producing friction between the US and the USSR, that the USSR obviously has no intention of taking any constructive action on such matters. Smith is convinced that Soviet protests and complaints for propaganda purposes can be expected whenever a suitable occasion develops.

3. FINLAND: Status of Finnish-Soviet negotiations--US Minister Warren in Helsinki has been informed by a Finnish cabinet minister that the USSR has rejected as a basis for discussion the proposed Finnish pact which would apply only in the event of war and would not: (a) require use of Finnish forces outside Finland; (b) involve Soviet intervention in Finnish internal affairs; and (c) provide Soviet military support except at Finland's request. The Finnish minister said that the USSR insists that the defense pact take effect upon "the threat of war."

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4. PALESTINE: Communications breakdown reported serious -- US Consul Lippencott in Rama reports that the deterioration of transportation and communications has cut the Consulate off from immediate contact with Jerusalem or the outside. Lippencott says that: (a) telecommunications throughout Palestine have been seriously disrupted; (b) road travel is almost impossible and convoys are subject to frequent attacks; (c) the police and the army admit their inability to deal with the situation and are concerned only with their own problems; and (d) it may soon become impossible to obtain food.

THE AMERICAS

5. COSTA RICA: Communist position in present civil war -- The US Military Attache in San Jose expresses the view that during the present situation in Costa Rica the Communist Vanguardia Popular party will not risk an "armed showdown" with non-Communist forces. The MA believes that the Communists will prefer to "go underground" in the event that their present position as active supporters of the Government forces "appears hopeless."

(CIA Comment: CIA concurs in this estimate.)

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