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TEXT OF A MESSAGE FROM MR. CHURCHILL TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN
DATED 23rd DECEMBER 1951

Thank you for your message through the American Embassy of December 15th. We shall doubtless be discussing further the detailed arrangements. The general list of topics we have in mind is shown below. We should be glad to receive, as you suggest, the list which you are having prepared.

Topics for Discussion in Washington.

1. Defence.

- (a) Organisation of the West for defence (including economic and organisational questions).
- (b) The European Army.
- (c) The Atlantic and other Commands.
- (d) The strategic air plans and the use of the atomic weapon.
- (e) Technical co-operation in atomic energy. OSG
- (f) A rifle.

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2. Foreign Affairs.

- (a) General survey.
- (b) Policy towards the Soviet Union.
- RF (c) Far East.
- (d) South East Asia.
- (e) Middle East.
- (f) Atlantic Community.

3. Economic Questions.

- (a) The economic position and problems of the United Kingdom.
- (b) Steel and equipment.

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British Embassy,
Washington,
24th December, 1951

State Department, NSC reviews completed

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REPLY FROM THE PRESIDENT TO MR. CHURCHILL, DATED DECEMBER 26, 1951

"Thank you for your message of December 23 received through the British Embassy giving me the list of topics which you have in mind. This list in general follows our own ideas as to what might be profitably discussed between us.

"We are particularly anxious to cover the European Defense Community, our relationships with the Continent and the relationship of Germany with the West.

"Under your Far East heading I would like to have a general review of our respective policies with regard to China. Korea should also be covered as well as the matter of Japan's relationship to nationalist China. I am also looking forward with interest to getting your views about the critical situation in South East Asia.

"We assume that under Middle East you will desire to talk about such specific problems as Egypt and Iran and the coordination of our policies in the Middle East area as a whole.

"In addition to your suggestion that we discuss steel, I think we can extend this to a few other strategic materials.

"I suggest that we hold regular meetings with our advisers on Saturday morning, the 5th, in the morning and afternoon of Monday, the 7th, and Tuesday morning, the 8th.

"In view of the uncertainty of the arrival time of the QUEEN MARY on Friday, January 4, I think it may be wiser to have our luncheon on Saturday, the 5th, instead of Friday as we had originally planned.

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"In addition, I hope that you will be able to dine with me on the WILLIAMSBURG Saturday evening. I am looking forward with particular pleasure to that occasion as an opportunity for a good informal talk."

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December 29, 1951

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Attached are copies of the two messages I mentioned this morning, as well as a copy of a paper already prepared giving a general review of the US positions*. I trust these will meet your problems.

Robert G. Barnes

* 29 Dec 51
* Jan 51

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