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- 3.3(h)(2) 1. Reports on Soviet military activity in Balkans--AFHQ Italy has learned from US Military Attache Belgrade that, [redacted]

[redacted] a pact resulting from Tito's Moscow visit included a plan for the installation of telephone and telegraph facilities for Soviet use in Yugoslavia. AFHQ Italy further reports that reliable estimates place total Soviet strength in Yugoslavia at not over 5,000, most of whom are advisors and instructors.

3.3(h)(2) AFHQ Italy also has learned [redacted] that Soviet forces in the Bulgarian port of Burgas on the Black Sea were noticeably increased in July, while heavy artillery pieces have been reported in Burgas and nearby Varna.

US Delegation ACC Rumania finds no evidence to support rumors of Soviet offensive preparations in that country.

2. Reported Soviet rumor of "Allied offensive"--The Chief of Naval Intelligence has received a report of "unknown reliability" that Soviet Embassy Caracas is informing local Communists that an "Allied" offensive against Yugoslavia is imminent, that Yugoslavia will resist and attempt to take Trieste, and that Yugoslavia will be supported by the USSR. Yugoslav Communists in Caracas reportedly have been advised to withdraw their money from local banks.

3. Comments on British Empire military conference--General Foulkes, Canada's Chief of General Staff, who recently returned to Canada from the London conferences of the Imperial Chiefs of Staff, has informed US Military Attache Ottawa that he made progress toward obtaining agreement that the Canadian Army should standardize equipment with the US Army. Foulkes added that (a) General Morgan remarked on Italy's surprising progress toward recovery [redacted]

3.3(h)(2) [redacted] and (b) Field Marshal Montgomery thinks, in respect to the international situation, that "there is more time than your people in Washington seem to think."

4. French fear return of Polish-held German territory--Caffery reports that the French Foreign Office believes the USSR is "seriously considering" returning to Germany that area recently acquired by Poland from Germany and to offer Poland in compensation part of the former Polish lands recently annexed by the USSR. The Foreign Office believes that

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such an action would be in line with "Moscow's policy of reconstituting a strong Communist centralized Germany" and that "such a Germany would be infinitely more important to the Soviets than France or Poland."

5. US Embassy Ankara comments on Turkish reply to USSR--US Ambassador characterizes the Turkish reply to the Soviet Straits proposal as "both reasonable and firm." He observes that the reply does not express unwillingness to attend a conference which would discuss the objectionable Soviet proposals but states firmly Turkey's refusal to yield any "inalienable sovereign rights."

#### EUROPE-AFRICA

6. YUGOSLAVIA: Reported action against Army officers and emigres-- US Military Attache Belgrade has been informed by a usually reliable source that in the past few days 800 Yugoslav Army officers have been arrested and 200 OZNA (Yugoslav secret police) officers have been ordered to Salzburg to seize or kill "certain emigres."
7. FRANCE: Communist efforts to influence foreign policy--Caffery notes an increasing Communist tendency to influence openly the French Government's foreign policy. A Foreign Office official has told Caffery that he has noticed a "hardening attitude" among Communist members of the Government.
8. GREECE: Bill to extend Royalist control of Greek Navy--US Ambassador MacVeagh reports that the pro-Royalist Defense Minister, Mavromikhalis, has presented to Parliament a bill for the "decongestion" of the Greek Navy providing for a drastic reclassification of senior Navy officers. According to MacVeagh the aim of the bill is to "clinch still further" Mavromikhalis's present personal control of all Greek defense elements. The bill has already aroused angry criticism among pro-republican and leftist groups.
9. RUMANIA: Army ordered to assure Communist electoral victory--US Delegate ACC Rumania has been informed [redacted] that, at a recent meeting of all high-ranking Rumanian Generals, the Minister of War declared that (a) Rumania "must be beside the USSR"

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and against the US and UK, and (b) every commanding officer must see to it that the Communist Party obtains a majority in the coming elections and receives the votes of the full strength of "every division."

10. **POLAND: Legislature to adopt electoral law removing fraud guarantees--** Mikolajczyk has told US Ambassador Lane that the Polish Legislature (KRN) will approve a draft electoral law which will eliminate guarantees against election fraud. Mikolajczyk restated the intention of the Polish Peasant Party to boycott elections in which guarantees against fraud are not present (see Daily Summary of 11 July, item 3).
11. **AUSTRIA: Soviet authorities ease gas shortage--**General Clark reports that Soviet authorities, apparently as a result of US pressure, have now released 3500 tons of gasoline on the August allocation. Since the quantity allotted the US Zone Austria still fails to meet critical needs of the next 30 days, Clark is releasing an additional 500 tons from US military stocks.

#### FAR EAST

12. **INDIA: Disagreement between Nehru and Viceroy--**The India Office has informed US Embassy London that the Viceroy apparently objects to Nehru's Cabinet slate because it includes five Congress Moslems whom the Viceroy characterizes as nonentities. The India Office believes that a government will be formed within the next week but that a struggle will then develop, since Nehru, "feeling his oats," will probably try to exceed the powers for the Interim Government, particularly in foreign affairs.

#### THE AMERICAS

13. **BRAZIL: Immediate convening of Rio Conference urged--**The Brazilian Foreign Minister has told Caffery in Paris that he feels the recent Argentine ratification of the Chapultepec and San Francisco agreements should be taken at face value as indicating full Argentine compliance with her inter-American commitments and that the proposed Rio Conference on hemisphere defense should be held without delay.

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