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1. Soviet position on Rumanian treaty--Dunn notes that the Soviet approach to the Rumanian treaty differs markedly from that followed with respect to the Italian treaty. In contrast to its position on the latter, the Soviet delegation now insists that Rumania's contribution to the war against Germany must be taken fully into account. Dunn believes that no agreement can be reached on any treaty with Rumania that does not contain provisions confirming the special Soviet position there. (Secret)

2. Demobilization of Polish troops under British command--Embassy London reports that emigre Polish military circles in London expect that a formal announcement will be made of the demobilization of Polish troops under British command after the arrival of General Anders from Italy on 14 March. Demobilization arrangements have been practically completed. All civil activities of the former London Polish Government will be similarly liquidated in the near future. (Secret)

EUROPE-AFRICA

3. IRAN: Complaint to be presented to UNO--Premier Qavam has promised Ambassador Murray that he will instruct the Iranian Ambassador in Washington to present Iran's complaint to the Security Council and to use a "tone of moderation" in order not to arouse unnecessary Soviet antagonism. Qavam proposes to notify the Soviets of his decision. Murray points out that the Soviets may apply pressure when they learn of the decision. The Shah and the Cabinet have sole responsibility for governing Iran, now that the Parliament has closed. (Top Secret)

British view of Soviet objectives--According to Embassy London, the British Foreign Office considers that the principal Soviet objective in Iran is "quite clearly" to create a security belt on the southern frontier of the USSR similar to that already

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established in the west. The British also believe that Afghanistan may soon be subjected to the same "softening process" as is currently being applied to Iran and Turkey. (Top Secret)

4. DENMARK: Evacuation of Bornholm--Charge Ackerson in Copenhagen reports that Foreign Minister Rasmussen is optimistic about reaching an early agreement with the Soviets for evacuation of Bornholm Island. According to British Minister Gallop, who talked with Rasmussen on 11 March, the Soviets have asked only for assurance that Denmark can protect Bornholm without outside help. The Danes have given full assurances, and are now awaiting the final Soviet reply.

The Navy Department, however, notes that Soviet activities on Bornholm--including airfield construction and strengthening of coast defenses--are inconsistent with an intention to withdraw in the near future. (Secret)

5. BULGARIA: US demands food shipment to Greece--The US delegate reports that the Allied Control Council has accepted for study a formal US demand that the Bulgarian Government be ordered to make an immediate reparations payment to Greece of 25,000 tons of wheat or rye, 20,000 tons of meat, 1,000 tons of sugar and 1,000 tons of dried fruit. In support of this demand, the US delegate has submitted a report comparing the present Bulgarian diet with that of other European countries and indicating that Bulgaria could afford the requested shipment out of available food supplies. (Confidential)

FAR EAST

6. JAPAN: Shipping shortage for repatriation of Japanese--The War Department has asked General MacArthur for his views regarding the allocation of shipping to speed up Japanese repatriation from Southeast Asia, N.E.I., and Australasia. In this connection the Department has advised MacArthur of (a) Britain's stated inability to provide additional shipping for this purpose and a British request that US shipping be allocated to SCAP

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for reallocation to the Southeast Asia Command and to the Australians, and (b) an offer of the Netherlands Government to provide crews and guards for 20 Liberty ships (if the US will furnish the ships) to be used for repatriating Japanese from the N.E.I. (Secret)

THE AMERICAS

7. ARGENTINA: Political atmosphere unusually quiet--Charge Cabot in Buenos Aires reports that since 24 February the political atmosphere has altered markedly; demonstrations and violence are conspicuously absent. Despite gloom in the democratic camp, there appears to be little disposition "to cry fraud or to plot violence."
Cabot advises that under these conditions the Argentine people will tend to resent further public criticism of their Government, or of Peron if he is elected. (Secret)
8. VENEZUELA: Counter revolutionary "plotters" arrested--The Naval Attache in Caracas reports that the Venezuelan Government has announced the arrest of eight persons on charges of plotting a counter revolution. Other sources state that a total of thirty people were arrested. The Attache believes that the persons arrested were from several unconnected groups; he doubts that any concerted plot had been developed. (Confidential)

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