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1. Italian elections not to affect US policy in Greece--The Department of State has informed AMAG Chief Griswold that US policy toward Greece and Turkey will continue unchanged even if the Italian elections result in a Communist victory. The Department adds that it intends to announce its determination to continue, despite adverse developments, to support the democratic countries of Europe which are cooperating in the European recovery program and to assure the regular arrival in Greece of sufficient food and other supplies. The Department (together with the Treasury) has authorized the immediate conversion and shipment of \$2 million of Federal Reserve Bank gold to forestall the exhaustion of Greek gold stocks and is prepared to authorize the conversion and shipment of an additional \$2 million if the Italian election results should be adverse.

**EUROPE**

2. SWEDEN: US naval visit thought inadvisable--US Ambassador Matthews recommends that US naval units not visit Swedish ports during their projected visit to Norway and Denmark in May. Matthews believes it important to make clear that Sweden cannot count upon last minute US military aid if it elects until that time to remain neutral and to avoid political association with western nations. He thinks that "the fact that US naval vessels visit Norwegian and Danish ports and omit Swedish ports will not be lost on the Swedes."
3. DENMARK: Reaction to US refusal to supply arms--The Danish Defense Minister has told US Ambassador Marvel that failure to obtain arms for Denmark "would not only hamper his efforts to prepare for any eventuality, but would also result in the lowering of morale, perhaps to the point where the will to defend would vanish." The Defense Minister also stated that the prospect of obtaining arms

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from Sweden is discouraging. (In rejecting at this time the recent Danish request for arms, the US indicated its desire to solve the European security problem on an "overall" basis, rather than piece-meal.)

**THE AMERICAS**

4. **COLOMBIA: Government apparently regaining control--US Ambassador Beaulac reports that as of 10 P.M. Friday, 9 April, the Government was regaining some measure of control of the Bogota rebellion.**

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5. **ARGENTINA: Government concerned over bank strike** - US Ambassador Bruce has been told by Police Chief General Bertolio that: (a) the present bank strike has created the most serious situation the Peron administration has had to face since coming to power; (b) the Argentine Government has proof that the US has brought pressure on Chile to refrain from ratifying the long-pending commercial agreement with Argentina; and (c) that "some well-known Americans" are involved in a plot to overthrow the Peron Government. Bruce adds that the Argentine Government "appears to be jittery."

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