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1. Vishinsky to be Soviet representative at GA -- Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky has told US Ambassador Kirk that a last minute decision was taken to send him to New York as head of the Soviet delegation to the UN General Assembly. Kirk suggests that the change in Soviet plans may have been caused by the current impasse in Austrian treaty negotiations and expresses his suspicion that the Kremlin is interested in a Council of Foreign Ministers meeting during the coming GA session. Kirk further reports that during an informal conversation Vishinsky expressed the hope that the session would be productive, perhaps effecting an extension of the Paris CFM meeting, and remarked that he would welcome some private talks because "diplomacy cannot be conducted under floodlights."

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the USSR may have sent a top-level delegation not only in anticipation of a possible CFM meeting but also for dealing with the Greek problem. The Kremlin may also wish to be prepared for the possible raising of the Tito dispute during the GA session.)

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