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1. US Ambassadors survey world situation--The US Ambassadors to European nations meeting in Rome, in reviewing the world situation as it affects the US, have agreed that the Western Powers should intensify their efforts to checkmate Soviet aggressive action throughout the world. The US Ambassadors urge, in line with these intensified anti-Communist efforts by the West, that: (a) the US launch a vigorous propaganda campaign to recapture for the West the leadership in the world movement for peace; and (b) the North Atlantic Treaty (NAT) Council be convened early in May to consider the establishment within the NAT system of a "strong, high-level means of direction." The Ambassadors strongly suggest that serious thought be given to utilizing German material and supplies in building the defense of Western Europe and that the relationship of the US and UK throughout the world be clarified, including the UK's role in European affairs. The Ambassadors are convinced that the preservation of Southeast Asia from Communism should be a cardinal point of US policy, and believe it is of the utmost urgency to take steps to hold that area.



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