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We discussed substance of questions posed in reference telegram with Foreign Office today without revealing exact nature Yugoslav approach. Foreign Office reaction as follows:

1. Foreign Office has received no indications from Poles that they would welcome GFR initiative at this time in establishing diplomatic relations. Foreign Office is inclined to think that Poles might prefer to hold question in abeyance for moment, since they are in admittedly tight spot with regard to USSR and recognition move by GFR right now might add to their troubles rather than help.
2. Foreign Office representative commented that Poles undoubtedly would like reassurance and that best from their standpoint would probably be firm statement or indication from United States that it backed Polish independence. He thought this would mean much more than recognition by GFR.
3. Foreign Office representative also thought that hesitancies in past re GFR-Polish diplomatic relations had stemmed largely from German side. If these could be overcome, and if Poles could see way clear to establishing relations at this juncture, Foreign Office would see only good in it and would approve.

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