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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

PALESTINE Our Mission in New York is growing more and more concerned over reports which indicate that Israel is becoming increasingly intransigent with regard to Jerusalem, the UN mediator and observers, the Truce Commission, fighting personnel and war matériel. Even while discounting these reports heavily, the Mission feels the situation is serious enough to warrant our making representations to the Israeli Government lest the action of irresponsible elements continue unchecked and does irreparable damage to the Jewish position before the Security Council and in the eyes of the world.

GERMANY In presenting the Soviet counter-proposals for a solution of the Berlin question to the western Ambassadors yesterday, Foreign Minister Molotov insisted that (1) quadripartite control of Berlin had been terminated as a result of the London agreements on western Germany and could not be restored until there was full quadripartite control for Germany as a whole and (2) the Soviet zone currency must be leased for Berlin under the sole authority of the Soviet military government. He further indicated a desire for some statement with respect to the London agreements. Ambassador Smith informed Molotov that he considered this proposal to be unsatisfactory.