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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

GERMANY  We have informed Ambassador Smith in Moscow that the proposals advanced by Stalin and Molotov for a settlement of the Berlin question, and particularly Molotov's refusal to accept the word 'quadrilateral', appear to reflect the Soviet thesis of unilateral control over Berlin. Since this issue is fundamental to the whole question, we cannot accept the present Soviet drafts. We consider it essential that agreement be reached on a basis which does not impair our rights, duties and obligations in Berlin, and are therefore suggesting some changes which will make the principle of quadrilateral administration clearer.

YUGOSLAVIA  Our Embassy in Belgrade transmits as possibly true a current report that anti-Tito Yugoslavs who were imprisoned in the USSR in 1945 have now been returned to Yugoslavia. Some estimates place the number of these persons as high as 6,000.