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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Stalin is reported to have personally ordered the Czech Government to conclude a treaty of alliance with Poland, similar to those Czechoslovakia has with the USSR and Yugoslavia, before concluding the projected Czech-French treaty. Our Embassy feels this constitutes the most glaring example of Soviet intervention in Czech affairs since the cessation of hostilities.

HUNGARY

Our Mission in Budapest feels that recent developments in Hungary make it clear the Soviet authorities are prepared whenever necessary to intervene directly in Hungarian affairs in order to support the Communist position.

FRANCE

Several top ranking French military authorities have informed Ambassador Gaffney that in the sending of reinforcements to Indochina the French have just about "scraped the bottom of the barrel" on available military forces. Our Mission in Saigon estimates that 10,000 French reinforcements have arrived in Indochina since the beginning of hostilities last December.

BULGARIA

Soviet military authorities in Sofia have ordered the closing of the Turkish-Bulgarian frontier from March 6 to March 17. Our Mission assumes the order also relates to the Bulgarian-Greek frontier.

Greece

Porter reports that, assuming the US intends to bear the full burden of military, relief and reconstruction expenses in Greece, the figures given in the British note on Greece check approximately with the data compiled by his Mission.