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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 cession of Ruthenia.

HUNGARY Our Minister 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 Caffery that in the sending of reinforcements to Indochina the French have just about "scraped the bottom of the barrel" on available military forces. Our Consul in Saigon estimates that 14,000 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.

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