April 17, 1952

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEPT sent USG a draft proposal to Pusan on Korea that USG be prepared to consider if absolutely necessary. Revision affirms, both in preambular and operative paragraphs, that force shall not be used either to prevent or affect repatriation of prisoners of war. It requests GA to transmit to NKs and CHNs COMM's proposals for settlement POW problems through ESTAR and POWs responsible to GA composed of KOREA, POL, SWED, and SWITZ, or, alternatively, of four states, exclusive of any permanent SC member, two of which should be nominated by each side. Four nations comprising this COMM will appoint umpires, or if agreement cannot be reached within three weeks after the first meeting, then umpire will be selected by GA. Proposals will require incorporation into armistice agreement at Panmunjom. Within 60 days after coming into effect of armistice agreement all POWs will be released into custody of COMM for classification according to nationality and conditions and information will be free to return home. While in custody COMM will have access to POWs to explain their rights. Red Cross teams of both sides will have access to POWs while custody COMM POWs will be free to inform COMM or any agencies working with it of their desires. Within ninety days from signing armistice agreement, any POWs not disposed of by WLD will be released. This redraft takes care particularly of UNA

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particular points in Indian draft that GA HRES Pearson, PGSENY Eden, and Indian DELEG had earlier been informed were not RPT not acceptable to us. Indian draft RRS submitted 6A Nov 17 does not reflect changes suggested in our redraft. Embassy New Delhi reports that Deputy UK High Commissioner was told by Indian PGSENY that India has had no communication with Beijing on subject of Indian DELEG's consultations in New York or his suggested RRS.

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DO/T: Please send to London
Moscow
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Ref: DELO 192, 196 fr BL, Nov. 14, 15
no rpts.

CAMEL 57 to NT, Nov. 15, no rpts

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by air to Ottawa