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- 1. Possible Soviet troop concentration near Finland and Norway--
The US Military Attache in Paris has learned from "official French sources" that four to five divisions of Soviet troops have been concentrated on the northern Finnish and Norwegian borders. French officials reportedly interpret this concentration as a threat intended to influence Norway against joining the North Atlantic Pact.



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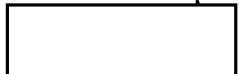


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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that if such Soviet troop movements are taking place, they are probably an intensification of the war-of-nerves against Norway, not an indication that a Soviet occupation of Finland is contemplated now.)

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- 2. US-UK concern over Dutch plans for Indonesia--The Department of State has informed the US delegation to the Good Offices Committee in Batavia of the following US-UK views concerning new Dutch plans for Indonesia: (a) the US considers that the Dutch plans neglect the most pressing problem in Indonesia--the need to halt the fighting; (b) the US also considers itself obligated to support the 28 January Security Council resolution, which has the merit of setting a specific date for the transfer of sovereignty, as opposed to the indefinite Dutch plan; and (c) British Foreign Secretary Bevin has misgivings about Dutch intentions, as evidenced by the plan, and feels they provide no proof that the Dutch are considering the Indonesian point of view. The Department suggests that the British are increasingly concerned over the possible fall of the Dutch Government, a development which would delay resolution of the Indonesian problem and have serious repercussions on European recovery and the Atlantic Pact.



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