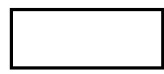


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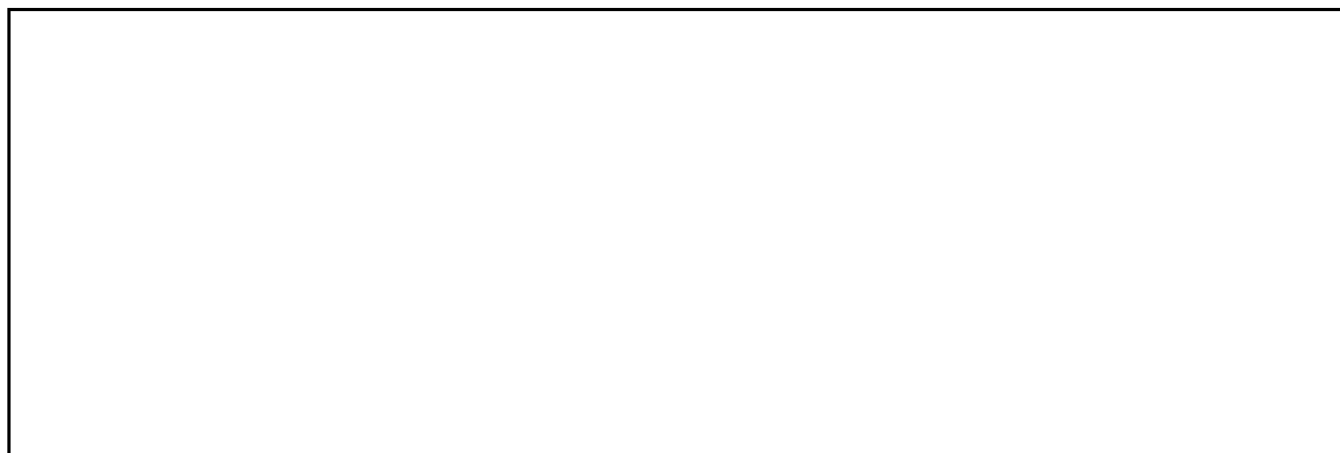
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- 1. US advises Greeks not to fire on guerrillas in Albania--The Department of State has instructed US Embassy Athens to advise the Greek Government that the US considers it important for the Greeks to continue their policy of withholding fire on guerrillas who have crossed the border into Albania. The Department believes that although the Greeks might be morally justified in returning guerrilla fire from foreign territory, such action could have extremely serious consequences, and could possibly create a situation where the UN or the western powers would have to intervene by force or "admit complete inability to control matters."



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- 3. FRANCE: Formation of new Government increasingly complex--US Ambassador Caffery reports that the task of forming a government in France at present is more complex than ever because recent increases in intra-party cleavages have further fractionalized "a National Assembly already divided into numerous political parties." In addition, Caffery points out, extra-parliamentary formations such as farmers' and employers' groups, as well as labor organizations, are increasing in power.



(CIA Comment: CIA believes that despite the complexity of former Premier Schuman's task, he has a fair chance of forming a government.)

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4. **UNITED KINGDOM: Cabinet decides to retard demobilization--**
The US Military Attache in London has reported that the British Cabinet has approved: (a) slowing down army demobilization; and (b) increasing production of certain critical military items, such as anti-aircraft ammunition.

(CIA Comment: In view of the British economic situation, this cabinet decision to divert men and materials to non-productive use was undoubtedly reached most reluctantly and indicates an increasing concern over British military preparedness.)

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