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1. US views on Berlin unification--The Department of State has authorized the Acting US Political Adviser in Berlin to inform leaders of the western sector Berlin city government that the US has no intention of telling the Germans how to treat overtures from Soviet sector representatives. The Department, adhering to the position that the western city government is the only legal regime in Berlin, cannot encourage any political rapprochement with the so-called east sector government which would have the effect of weakening the legal or moral position of the western government. The Department, while constantly seeking a basis for the reunification of Berlin, can see no other approach than new, free elections, and the elimination of the east sector puppet government.

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2. Dutch ECA Commissioner will not visit US--US Representative Cochran in The Hague reports that Dutch ECA Commissioner Hirschfeld will not come to the US now to discuss the economic policies to be adopted by the Netherlands in the forthcoming Hague round table conference on Indonesia. Although agreeing to cancel Hirschfeld's visit, leading Dutch officials stressed their concern over the economic problems involved in an Indonesian settlement. Cochran informed the Dutch Foreign Office that when the propitious moment arrives, he will be happy to recommend the revival of ECA aid to Indonesia and help plan other measures of financial support.

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