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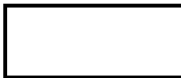
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1. US stand on Saar issue--The Department of State has advised US Embassy Paris that Secretary Acheson's recent statement on the Saar means unequivocally that the US supports French claims for political detachment of the Saar from Germany and financial-economic integration of the area with France. In instructing the Embassy to discuss the Saar with the French Foreign Office, the Department observes, however, that arrangements made prior to the peace treaty are provisional and that any proposal looking toward long-term regulation of economic and political life of the Saar, such as the current French proposal to lease mines from the Saar Government on a 50-year basis, is subject to US-UK consultation. The Department notes the "pressing urgency" of drawing Germany closer into the Western European community and expresses the view that the French would be wise not to introduce new proposals which at the present time "can only be expected to excite nationalistic feelings in Germany and thus retard improvement of Franco-German relations."



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2. US views on SC action during Soviet boycott--The US delegation at the UN, in reporting that it has received numerous queries from other delegations concerning possible UN action on the membership applications of Indonesia and other states during the absence of the USSR from the UN, expresses the view that the US should not support any membership applications at this time. The delegation believes that the Security Council has the right to adopt substantive resolutions in the absence of a permanent member but points (a) to the likelihood that the USSR would never recognize the new members as UN members and (b) to the "conceivable" possibility that



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the USSR might leave the UN. Concerning the specific application of Indonesia, which the delegation presumes will be filed shortly, the US representatives estimate that if the US at present neither fosters nor opposes Indonesian membership aspirations, the matter will then die.

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