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1. Gromyko unable to give assurances on Austrian treaty--  
 US Ambassador Kirk in Moscow reports that the joint US-UK-French request to Deputy Foreign Minister Gromyko for assurances of increased Soviet cooperation on the Austrian treaty negotiations received a "negative" response. In reply to the Western Ambassadors' statement that all outstanding issues should be discussed at the current four-power talks in London, Gromyko insisted that treaty Article 48 (dealing with Austrian payments to the Allies for services and supplies) could not be dealt with further by the Deputies until conclusion of the Soviet-Austrian talks now taking place in Vienna. When asked what progress had been made in the Soviet-Austrian talks, Gromyko said he was unable to comment on either the progress of the talks or Soviet intentions in regard to them. Gromyko added that, meanwhile, the Deputies in London could discuss other unagreed articles of the treaty. Kirk points out that Gromyko was willing to study the Western memorandum on the treaty negotiations and observes that throughout the interview, Gromyko was "negative, illogical and inconsistent," but "not disagreeable."

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