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1. GERMANY: Adenauer-Schumacher reach unified view--
The US High Commission in Bonn expresses the view, after conversations with Socialist leader Schumacher and a representative of Chancellor Adenauer, that despite the continued existence of other differences, Schumacher and Adenauer are prepared to maintain a solid front against Soviet-East German politico-propaganda attacks. The Commission also believes they will easily command a decisive majority in the Bundestag in support of their position in the debate on the method for answering the recent East German appeal for German unity. Adenauer has accepted Schumacher's proposal that a written request be made asking the four powers to establish a basis for free all-German elections at the Conference of Foreign Ministers and that a strong propaganda line be developed challenging East Germany to do the same if it is really interested in German unity. The Commission has learned that every effort will be made to hold the final Bundestag meeting before the 5 March four-power preliminary meeting in Paris.

NEAR EAST-AFRICA

2. FRENCH MOROCCO: New agreement between French and Sultan--
US Consul McBride in Rabat has been informed by a French official that another agreement has been reached between the Sultan of Morocco and the French Residency. According to McBride's informant, French officials now regard the crisis as ended. McBride comments that it probably is. He remarks that if so, the result is that the French have received substantial satisfaction concerning their demands while the Sultan has been spared deposition, complete isolation from governing the country, and the stigma of denouncing the Nationalist movement himself.

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FAR EAST

3. British estimate of Far Eastern situation--US Consul
General Langdon in Singapore transmits the British appreciation of the situation in the Far East for the week ended 22 February. According to this account, the British consider that the recent Chinese Communist counterattacks in Korea did not constitute the expected main offensive which "may still begin at any time." In Indochina, an integrated Chinese-Viet Minh command has been set up and a Chinese "volunteer" force is being established. The main Viet Minh offensive, with Chinese support, may begin in Tonkin in mid-March, although it may be postponed because of developments in Korea. The British still have "no conclusive evidence" of military preparations for a Formosan assault. Concerning Hong Kong, the British consider that the Chinese may have the capability of mounting a strong attack in March or April.

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