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1. The Yugoslav Government originally formed the Balkan Pact for political and economic reasons, in addition to military necessity. The political reasons are as follows:
 - a. To prevent the aggravation of a tense political situation which was certain to follow a purely military pact.
 - b. To give the Yugoslavs room for maneuvering if the political climate should warrant.
 - c. To prove that Yugoslavia believed in the possibility of ideological coexistence with nations of varying political systems.
2. Yugoslavia wishes to preserve this alliance, but in view of the current relaxation of Soviet attitudes, will deemphasize the purely military aspects by giving priority to the political, economic and cultural fields. The Balkan Pact has not been the subject of discussions at meetings of the Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia for several months.

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