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GENERAL

1. French oppose US plan for UN investigation of Southwest Africa--The French Foreign Office has informed Caffery of its opposition to the US proposal for establishing a UN Commission to determine whether Southwest Africa should be placed under trusteeship or annexed by the Union of South Africa. The French consider that the proposal would set a "dangerous precedent" which might lead the UN to investigate "non-self-governing territories other than trust areas," and that the proposed Commission would necessarily include a Soviet representative who would use his position to attack the colonial system. The French do not, however, object to the annexation of Southwest Africa by the Union.
2. New notes on Nazi repatriation may be presented to Eire--The State Department has authorized Legation Dublin to present a new note on Nazi repatriation to the Irish Government, if the British and French Governments agree to present similar notes. The note would express "deep US regret" at Eire's continuing lack of cooperation in the repatriation of German officials, agents and obnoxious nationals.
3. Geneva considered likely UN site--US Military Attache Bern reports that UN approval of Geneva as temporary UN site for 3 years is regarded as a "certainty" by the Swiss now that Secretary General Lie has reached an accord with the Swiss Foreign Office on the non-violation of Swiss neutrality. The Swiss hope that Geneva will remain as the center for the European affairs section, even if it does not become the permanent "main site" of the UN.

EUROPE

4. YUGOSLAVIA: Troop concentrations in South--US Military Attache Belgrade has supplied additional information on Yugoslav troop concentrations near the Greek border (see Daily Summary of 9 October, item 4). He states that Skoplje is a "great and very busy military center," with materiel and personnel arriving daily from the North and probably the East. Some of the equipment is being sent on to Albania. The MA believes that the purpose of the build-up is to reorganize and re-equip both the Yugoslav and Albanian Armies, and to continue the war of nerves on Greece by aiding Greek Communists. He concludes

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that Yugoslavia and Albania will invade Greece "only if they and the Soviets become convinced that they can take Salonika" without provoking a third world war.

NEAR EAST-AFRICA

5. **TURKEY:** Draft reply to Soviet note reported satisfactory--US Ambassador Wilson reports the final draft of the Turkish reply to the Soviet note on the Straits is non-provocative, well-reasoned and convincing. It is scheduled to be presented to the Soviet Embassy on 18 October, if approved by the Turkish Cabinet, and will be released for publication on 21 October. The Cabinet is expected to approve the draft without further changes.

FAR EAST

6. **N.E.I.:** Provisions of Dutch-Indonesian truce--US Consul General Batavia states that the report of the Dutch-Indonesian Truce Committee has been unanimously adopted by a plenary session of the Dutch-Indonesian Conference. A truce between Allied and Indonesian forces went into effect on 14 October, to be implemented by a Technical Subcommittee under a Joint Truce Commission headed by Michael Wright, Deputy British Representative. Details of the truce agreement were as reported in the press, with the following noteworthy exception: In the event of disagreements arising in the Joint Truce Commission before 30 November (by which date British forces will be withdrawn from Indonesia), members will abide by the decision of the British chairman. After 30 November, the Commission will refer disagreements to the Commander-in-Chief of British land forces in Southeast Asia, and his decision will be binding.

THE AMERICAS

7. **PANAMA:** Position on base agreement unchanged--Hines reports that President Jimenez has explained the US position on the Defense Sites Agreement in a press conference and has stated that Panama will not recede from its own interpretation of the Agreement (that the formal surrender of Japan was a "definitive treaty of peace" and consequently the Agreement ended at that time).

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