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1. UK not to break off relations with Rumania--A UK Foreign Office official, commenting on the "corrupt" Rumanian elections, has told US Charge Gallman in London that the UK does not contemplate breaking relations with Rumania because such action "would play into the hands of the Soviets." The continued presence of UK Missions in Rumania and Bulgaria acts as a brake on Soviet and Communist machinations. strengthens the morale of the Opposition, [redacted]
  2. UK not to take action on Corfu Straits incident--A British Foreign Office official has informed US Embassy London that Bevin has sent word not to take any action regarding the Corfu Straits incident (see Daily Summary of 23 November, item 1).
  3. UN Site Committee favors Presidio--Austin reports that the UN Site Committee prefers the Presidio to other possible sites in the San Francisco area and that many committee members consider it the best site in the US. Austin feels strongly that the US Government ought to offer the Presidio in a genuine effort to settle the UN in the US and to avert any last minute Soviet efforts to establish UN headquarters in Europe.
  4. Ukrainian reaction to shooting of staff member in New York--According to Austin, Manuilsky angrily told a US delegate that the shooting of one of his staff in New York would have grave repercussions on public opinion in the Ukraine and the USSR, and that he would decidedly vote against the US as a site for the UN.
  5. British official's view of the French political situation--According to US Embassy London, the Chief of the Western Department of the Foreign Office believes that France will again have a coalition Government which will include the Communists, will "prove unsatisfactory," and will "fail to handle" the grave French economic situation. He considers that as a result the Right may attempt an "action" which would not have "sufficient basis" for success. He added his opinion that the Communists "could take over" the Government, but stand to gain more by proceeding legally.

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6. **GERMANY:** British Zone administration may be changed--US Charge Gallman reports from London that growing dissatisfaction among Conservative as well as Labor members of Parliament with the administration of the British Zone of Germany may force personal intervention by Attlee and Bevin. He adds that the solution most mentioned involves (a) the removal of Hynd (Head of the Control Office for Germany), (b) the creation of a more authoritative central administration in Germany, (c) an improvement in the efficiency and competence of British Zone officials, and (d) policy changes geared to US/UK zonal unity.

#### NEAR EAST-AFRICA

7. **IRAN:** Government strengthens position in Northwest Iran--US Military Attache Tehran reports that, according to the Minister of War, Central Government occupation forces in the Zenjan area include 2,000 gendarmes and 3,000 troops. The Pahlevi (Caspian Sea) garrison has been increased by 2 battalions, and Government troops will not be withdrawn from Sardasht (Kurdish territory).

Iran will not accept Russian military supplies--The Attache also reports that the Minister has stated that Iran will not accept delivery of Russian military supplies.

#### FAR EAST

8. **SIAM:** Siam opened to mineral exploitation--According to Moffat, (Chief of State Department's SEA Division, now in Bangkok), the Siamese Cabinet has decided to open all Siam to exploration and exploitation of tin and other mineral resources. The Prime Minister hopes for "joint US-Siam capital investments."

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