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1. Soviets withdraw from zonal borders in Germany--General McNarney reports "definite indications" that Soviet troops along borders opposite the US zone are being replaced by Germans. Small Soviet detachments apparently are remaining at certain key points, however, and Soviet troops are still present in the general border areas.
2. US to support on-the-spot Greek border investigation--The State Department has advised US Embassy Athens, in connection with the Greek complaint to the Security Council, that at present "it is envisaged that the US will strongly support on-the-spot-investigation and, if necessary, make amply clear the fact that there is more reason for such investigation now than there was in September."
3. Greece's need for transport aircraft--US Military Attache Athens reports an imperative need of aid to the Greek armed forces and declares that the British plan to issue sufficient equipment to increase the Army from 98,200 to approximately 115,000. Emphasizing the "extreme importance" of air supply for present operations, the MA requests a statement of US policy on providing the Greek Air Force with 8 C-47 aircraft.
4. Turkish Ambassador skeptical of Soviet conciliation--The US Representative to the UN reports that Ambassador to the US Baydur, the Turkish UN representative, believes that the new Soviet conciliatory line is attributable to the firm stand taken by the US. Baydur, who was nine years in the Turkish Embassy at Moscow, declared, however, that despite Molotov's statements he "could not possibly conceive" of the Soviet permitting any effective inspection of the Soviet military position.

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