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GENERAL

1. Danube River navigation--The State Department has informed Embassy Moscow that a parallel US-UK approach to the USSR regarding the resumption of navigation on the Danube will be delayed (see Daily Summary of 19 March, item #1). The French now wish to discuss the possibility of their joining in a tripartite approach.

EUROPE-AFRICA

2. AUSTRIA: US policy on UNRRA responsibility--The State and War Departments have advised General Clark that they desire UNRRA to assume financial responsibility on 1 April, and complete responsibility on 1 May, for the distribution of food in Austria. On the understanding that the US and UK will try to ship during April sufficient food for 30 days in their respective zones (in addition to the 60-day supply to be turned over to UNRRA), the foregoing arrangements are acceptable to UNRRA.
3. POLAND: US inquiry on Polish election date--The State Department has authorized Embassy Warsaw to inquire immediately when the Polish Government intends to hold elections. Should the Polish reply confirm previous reports that the Government plans to postpone the elections (in order to eliminate independent participation by Mikolajczyk's Peasant Party), the State Department will issue "appropriate instructions" to the US Embassy.

FAR EAST

4. N.E.I.: Dutch treaty proposal--The US Consul General in Batavia reports that Van Mook has given Sjahrir a draft of a proposed treaty, which includes the following terms: (a) the Dutch recognize the Republic of Indonesia as "exercising de facto authority" over Java, except in places occupied by Allied troops; (b) the Dutch accept the collaboration of the Republic in constructing a federal Indonesian free state, which will be a partner in the Netherlands Kingdom; (c) the Dutch reserve the right to create "special relations" with any portion of the N.E.I., which by referendum objects to its inclusion in the free state.

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