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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

This is just a memorandum as I am leaving to be gone until over Labor Day.

I note in the news that Sweden is taking action to announce that it will not harbor any war criminals.

Don't you think that we might approach the Swiss to make a similar declaration? None of us want to send an Allied army into Switzerland to grab Hitler, etc., and if they make a declaration now it may keep some of the Nazis out or give them a chance later to hand over war criminals.

F. D. R.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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4:30 p.m.

THE SECRETARY

SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

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State Dept. letter, 1-11-72

By CS Date MAR 3 1972BULGARIA

The Bulgarian Armistice delegates, Moushanov and Zhelezkov, arrived in Cairo August 30 and Lord Moyne proposes that the agreed armistice terms be handed to them at 6 p.m. Cairo time, August 31. The text of the terms has been informally shown to the Greek Premier, who approved them but requested Greek participation in the negotiations and signature. (Cairo (Greek) 272)

POLAND

The text of proposals which the Polish Government, after having received the approval and suggestions of the Polish underground, is to submit to Moscow, has been made available to Mr. Schoenfeld. They provide for the reconstruction of the Polish Government after the liberation of Warsaw to include representatives of the Peasant Party, the National Democratic Party, The Polish Socialist Party, the Christian Democratic Labour Party and the Polish Worker's Party. The inclusion of representatives of fascist minded and non-democratic political groups was ruled out. The Government will bring about the resumption of diplomatic relations between Poland and the U.S.S.R. A constitutional Diet is to be elected "as soon as normal conditions are established in the country". In regard to Polish frontiers in the East the proposals provide that "the main centers of Polish cultural life and the sources of raw materials indispensable to the economic life of the country shall remain within Polish boundaries." (London, Poles, 88)

SWEDEN

The Swedish Foreign Minister has informed the American Minister that the question of asylum for war criminals is on the agenda for discussion at a cabinet meeting on Friday and that it was his personal belief that the Government's decision would be to issue a declaration that Sweden would not give asylum to war criminals. He added informally that it is impossible to patrol the Swedish-Norwegian frontier effectively and that certain war criminals might succeed in reaching Sweden by this route or by parachute. Public opinion in Sweden, however, according to the Foreign Minister is entirely hostile to any reception of war criminals. (Stockholm 3389)

PORTUGAL

Salazar has expressed interest in the reported evacuation of Manila because our progress in the Far East involves the question of Timor. He wishes to utilize the concessions for a global Santa Maria air field project as a bargaining counter to realize his desire to send an expeditionary force to Timor. He likewise desires to defer major decisions on the Santa Maria question until the time of the projected staff talks. (Lisbon 2666)

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