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From: WASHINGTON

To: MOSCOW

No.: 1793

29 March 1945

To the 8th Department.

Materials of "G"[1]. I am transmitting a telegram of the "NOOK [ZAKOULOK]"[11] No.2535 of 16 March this year to the "POOL [OMUT]"[111].

"Sent to WASHINGTON under No.2535 of 16 March and repeated to MOSCOW.

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Reference telegrams from MOSCOW Nos.823 and 824.

*Per 27/3/45 mail*

1. These telegrams arrived simultaneously with the President's message to the Prime Minister (No.718). The message shows that the President is still not inclined to support us in putting to the Russians all those questions, on which we consider it important to reach an agreement with them at this stage. From the Prime Minister's answer, transmitted in telegram No.912, you can see that he is urging the President to reconsider his position in the light of the proposals now submitted by Sir A. Clark KERR, after consultation with Mr. HARRIMAN.

2. As soon as possible please see Mr. STETTINIUS and after that, if you can, the President and show them [2 groups unrecovered] to MOLOTOV, suggested by Sir A. Clark KERR and supplemented by my telegram No.2537. You should take part in the decision of these affairs. Use all arguments at your disposal to induce them to make a concerted effort with us on the basis of this draft. We are convinced that only on such a basis will it be possible to establish a foundation for the Commission's work. We believe that if we and the Americans together take a firm position, the Russians very likely will give way on some of the points.

3. If you do not succeed in persuading the President to accept Sir A. Clark KERR's draft as it stands, in my opinion you can induce him to send Mr. HARRIMAN

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put forth by us. (From the Prime Minister's message you will see that the point on which we cannot give way is the question of a truce). If this were done, I should be ready to instruct Sir A. Clark KERR immediately to concert with Mr. HARRIMAN in making a communication on similar lines. We fully realize the urgency of this question.

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Comments:

[1] G: i.e., HOMER [GOMER], Donald MacLean.

[11] NOOK: The British Foreign Office.

[111] POOL: British Embassy in Washington.

20 July 1965