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TO: SECY STDG GP NATO WASH DC FOR CHAIRMAN

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1. Marshal Juin came to see me on the afternoon of 1 April. He said he felt he owed it to me to offer to resign his NATO post if I had lost confidence in him. It was clear, he added, that his government had lost confidence in him and he felt it might cause me embarrassment unless he removed himself from the NATO picture.

2. I told him that I had not lost confidence in him and that I did not (not) intend to ask for his resignation. I said that his appointment was made on the basis of a recommendation by the French Government and I felt that the situation was one between the French Government and Juin.

3. At noon today I met with Foreign Minister Bidault at his request. Ambassador Alphand was present. I brought Walters along as interpreter. Bidault stated that the French Government is considering the question of removing Juin from his NATO command. One matter which is sure to arise in this connection is whether or not (not) SACEUR will appoint a French officer to succede Juin in case a replacement is necessary. I replied that I would recommend an officer of French nationality as replacement, although there might be some doubts concerning my authority to make the actual appointment without appropriate consultations.

4. Bidault then wanted to know if replacement would have all of the attributions of Juin. I said I did not understand the significance of that question, but I felt that any replacement, regardless of nationality, would be given same directive as SACEUR had issued to Juin.

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5. Bidault made it clear that French Government has not yet reached a decision as to action which it will take.



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