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REUR MUN 104 TO VON BERG OF 16 MARCH.

HAVE NOW READ ACHESON AND ALPHAND TEXTS AND DISCUSSED PROGRAM WITH WAGNER. IN FACT, INTENT OF PROGRAM WAS EXACTLY WHAT GENERAL RFE LINE ON WESTERN PROBLEMS HAS BEEN FROM BEGINNING OF DIFFICULTIES OCCASIONED BY DEGAULLE'S HARSH MOVES - NAMELY TO KEEP PERSPECTIVE ON PROBLEMS AND INDICATE THAT COMMON WESTERN INTERESTS LIKELY TO PREVAIL OVER THE LONGER PERIOD. ACHESON, WHILE EXPRESSING SOME PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD CRITICISMS OF FRENCH ACTION, WAS HOPEFUL FOR THE FUTURE, AND SKILLFUL USE OF HIS SPEECH WOULD SERVE OUR INTERESTS, NOT WORK AGAINST THEM. ALPHAND HAS BEEN ACCENTING THE POSITIVE IN SEVERAL SPEECHES TO U.S. AUDIENCES, AND THE JUXTAPOSITION OF ALPHAND AND ACHESON SEEMS A USEFUL EXERCISE. REGARDS.