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Dept appreciates your reasons for recommendation that U.S. Govt review Benelux economic claims in order to transmit U.S. views on same to Benelux countries in due course (Urtel 2170, May 20). We see no (rpt no) reason for you reopen subject economic claims and agree your suggestion that comments in SECDEL 1581 might serve as basis reply to Benelux (Urtel 2172, May 20).

Re territorial claims, terms of reference of body to be set up to study territorial adjustments (Urtel 2171, May 20) should explicitly state that recommendations will be confined to tentative and provisional readjustments, subject to confirmation or modification in final peace settlement. This is essential to avoid possibility Soviet claim that action in West provides justification or unilateral determination of Eastern German frontier. It should also be clearly understood that recommendations are not (rpt not) in any way to be regarded as commitments on Govts, neither re provisional acceptance nor support at peace settlement.

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