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1. AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN. The forces in Afghanistan that oppose Soviet penetration might have a better chance to assert themselves against Prime Minister Daud if 1) the US would take a firm stand on the boundary issue; 2) cease giving the Afghans the impression that the US is anxious to compete with the USSR there; and 3) stop making offers of economic aid, according to Ambassador Hildroth in Karachi. As matters stand Daud appears to be conducting a successful campaign with both the US and USSR "dancing attendance". The Embassy comments that it would be a good time to reiterate the US position on the Afghan-Pakistan border (Durand Line). To do otherwise merely prolongs the agony of the Afghans since the US interests in Pakistan will eventually require the US to support Pakistani territorial claims, which have a legal basis. Karachi 1036, 2 Dec. 55, S; Dept. to Karachi 1189, 3 Dec. 55, S.
2. IRAC. The Iraqis are planning to put on a "grand show" designed to display 12 Centurian tanks recently received, according to Ambassador Callman in Baghdad. The Ambassador has requested the State Department to advise him if it thinks the "conditions are propitious" in the Middle East for him to participate. Some advantage could be gained locally if his remarks at such a ceremony were to include a brief review on the extent of Western arms aid to date, but he is not sure if these remarks would be wise in view of the overall situation. Baghdad 552, 1 Dec. 55, C.
3. ATOMIC ENERGY. USIS in Tokyo has urgently requested reconsideration of the proposal to release at this time the announcement of the US May 1, 1956 nuclear tests. Postponement of the announcement until the latest practicable date prior to the tests is strongly urged in view of the recent accrual of Japanese good will toward the US as a result of the Soviet H-bomb test, Western willingness to consider a world-wide ban on nuclear weapons and the success of the Atoms for Peace exhibit. It was also urged that the field be asked its recommendations prior to actions of such importance. Tokyo TCUSI 260, 2 Dec. 55, C.
4. URUGUAY. The Uruguayan President has indicated that the following are the topics he hopes to discuss during his current visit to Washington:

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1) Uruguay's need for assistance in financing development projects; 2) the "wool tops" question; and 3) methods of combatting Communism in Latin America. The President also indicated that he would like to discuss US assistance to the Uruguayan army, but that he would not take the initiative in the matter. Montevideo 140, 1 Dec. 55, C.

5. URUGUAY. Recent statements by Uruguayan Government officials indicate that there is a growing awareness among responsible officials of the futility of dealing with the Soviet Orbit countries on a barter basis, according to the Embassy in Montevideo. While increased credits in the Orbit areas and increased debits in the Free World trade areas have caused the Uruguayan Government to press for a shift of normal trade patterns from Western Europe to the Soviet Orbit, many importers have been finding that the Eastern European goods are substandard and overpriced, CIA notes.

6. ARGENTINA. The Argentine Economic Counselor in Tokyo has suggested that now is the time for the US to strike a "telling blow" for Argentine friendship by extending a loan to Argentina in its hour of real need, according to the Embassy in Tokyo. Tokyo 1246, 1 Dec. 55, IOU.

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