Telegram from the United Kingdom Delegation to the Council of Foreign Ministers in Moscow to the Foreign Office, London, on the subject of India, 25 March 1947

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FROM MOSCOW TO FOREIGN OFFICE

(From United Kingdom Delegation to Council of Foreign Ministers)

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 When I called upon Generalissimo Stalin yesterday evening I brought up the subject of India, saying that we were trying to settle this difficult problem in the interests of world peace in such a way as not to prevent India having friendly relations with us or our Allies. I said that I foresaw dangers when the Indians obtained their independence, unless we all acted with great care.

 2. Generalissimo Stalin agreed that India was a difficult question. He said that Russia was not interfering and that they wished success to Great Britain in the enterprise she has started in India.

 Foreign Office please repeat to Washington as my telegram No. 79.

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