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power, it would have two effects which would be inimicable to Salazar's temperament: (1) delegation of greater administrative authority to his subordinates and (2) constant appearance in the public eye. He may, therefore, seek the Army's concurrence in nominating some other non-controversial figure, preferably a general. In any event, Carmona's death will bring to the forefront what is essentially the greatest problem in Portuguese political life, i.e., the question of succession to Salazar.

"B" DENMARK. Greenland Defense Agreement with US to be Submitted to Parliament. The Danes have indicated their intention to submit the proposed US-Danish agreement for the defense of Greenland to the Rigsdag when it reconvenes on 24 April. They do not plan to submit the actual technical schedule for the US operation of several airfields in northern and western Greenland, but they anticipate that the public will soon learn the basic fact that the United States is conducting such operations. Meanwhile, government circles are eager to announce that the agreement has been signed, in order to avoid newspaper speculation as to what may be delaying consummation of the agreement. (TS Copenhagen 863, 16 Apr 51). COMMENT: The Danish Government is very sensitive with respect to Greenland and desires to avoid anything which can be interpreted as meaning that Denmark is being subjected to American pressure or is relinquishing in any way Danish sovereignty over Greenland. This extreme caution on the Government's part is due partly to fear of providing grounds for Soviet protests and partly to a desire not to excite "neutrality" elements in Denmark.

"C" NORWAY. Government Offers to Settle Trade Debt to USSR. The Government has offered to pay in dollars its \$5.4 million trade debt to the USSR, hoping that settlement at this time would strengthen the Norwegian bargaining position in any future trade negotiations with the USSR. With the expiration of the old trade and payments agreement at the beginning of this year there is no reason for Norway to continue carrying the debt, for which the USSR can demand payment in gold or dollars at any time. The Soviets have not yet replied to the offer and are not likely to do so until they have further explored possibilities for new trading deals. The latest Soviet suggestion along this line is an informal offer to exchange this year 2,500 tons of manganese ore for 1,000 tons of Norwegian aluminum. (S Oslo Despatch 1460, 6 Apr 51). COMMENT: The Norwegians, who have kept the dollar equivalent of their trade debt in a special fund against a possible Soviet demand, wish not only to deprive the USSR of this potential bargaining lever, but also to obviate the risk of the dollar's being devalued in relation to gold.

"C" UNITED KINGDOM. Government Reassuring Public on Paris Talks. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Kenneth Younger, speaking at a Labor Party

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