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1. ATOMIC ENERGY. The British UN delegation has indicated that the UK "strongly prefers 'once and for all' action" in connection with the US proposal for a UN study of the harmful effects of atomic radiation. The UK would like to have the UN Secretary General appoint a group of distinguished scientists, after consultation with an advisory committee consisting of the US, UK, USSR and "perhaps" France, the delegation indicated. New York 100, 10 Aug 55, C.

2. ITALY. The city of Genoa is to present a large statue of Christopher Columbus to the city of Columbus, Ohio, on October 9, according to USIS Rome. Ambassador Luce has been invited to take part in the ceremonies and has expressed an interest in taking to Columbus the "president, secretary or delegated representative of each of the four Italian center parties under the broadest possible interpretation and quickest possible application of the leader grant procedure". Rome TOUSI 54, 10 Aug 55, C.

3. INDIA. The Indian Minister of Food and Agriculture has stated that damage in the flood areas of India is great, with many villages destroyed and that food grains, clothing and medicine are needed. Ambassador Cooper in New Delhi comments that he expects India to ask officially for US assistance. In the meantime, the Ambassador recommends that the US Red Cross be approached to inquire of the Indian Red Cross if help is desired. If the US Red Cross or Government decides to give aid, it is necessary that deliveries be made promptly to be effective and to have maximum impact on US-Indian relations. New Delhi 288, 10 Aug 55, C.

4. JAPAN. Ambassador Allison suggests that the forthcoming release of Japanese War Criminals be rescheduled to coincide with Foreign Minister Shigemitsu's visit to Washington. The present release date, which coincided with the anniversary of Japan's formal surrender (Sept. 2), "may lead the Japanese to expect further substantial releases on other significant anniversaries." Tokyo 382, 11 Aug 55, C.

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