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SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES
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Recent events in the Middle East make it necessary that the United States should further develop its policies in relation to that area. Nothing in this respect has yet been finalized and many points of view will need to be considered. Among other things the United States policies must be such as will reinforce and fit into United Nations policies. President Eisenhower accordingly asked me to discuss the matter with Secretary General Hammarskjold who is ably carrying heavy United Nations responsibilities in the Middle East. It will be helpful to have this United Nations point of view before the President has his bipartisan foreign policy discussion tomorrow afternoon with the Congressional leaders. Therefore Ambassador Lodge and I have had a full talk with Secretary General Hammarskjold, and I shall report on this to the President tomorrow morning.