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"Diary" - made by Jacques Engers
of U.N. Secretariat as basis for making
comprehensive record of D.H.'s Suez pa-
pers (Nr. 1 - 40) according to D.H.'s
instructions. (never completed)

(List of events and documents in
chronolog. order, 1956 - 57)

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1957 april-juni

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A P R I L

Monday, 1

(Priv.#38) Memorandum by ^{Top} McCloy for Dr. Fawzi with suggestions on Suez Canal declaration. Contains plan/a "Board of Consultants", an idea of a request to World Bank for preliminary plans of financing rehabilitation and improvement of the Canal.

SEE SEPARATE SHEET

Tuesday, 2

(USFP p.375) *Statements by Dulles at News Conf. Excerpts*

Wednesday, 3

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Monday, 1

(Priv.#38) Memorandum by McCloy for Dr. Fawzi with suggestions on Suez Canal declaration. Contains plan for a "Board of Consultants", an idea of a request to World Bank for preliminary plans of financing rehabilitation and improvement of the Canal.

(Priv.#38) S-G sees Loutfi to transmit observations on draft Declaration in addition to those transmitted on 29 March. Takes opportunity to elaborate especially question of legal form and question of participation of users. Points out dubious effect of a unilateral declaration registered with U.N. Loutfi states that such a document could not only not be changed without reference to the U.N., but in effect might be considered as irrevocable.

S-G considered that interpretation highly doubtful and suggested to get, somehow, another party to the arrangement. The best would be if some form would be found for access by other nations to the Declaration. Alternative would be for the G.A. to take note of the declaration, thus making itself the opposite number. S-G strongly advised to take these possibilities up for serious consideration so as to avoid complaint that Declaration did not provide any safety for the users against changes in situation. The other point brought up was paragraph 5 which S-G considered insufficient. He made two suggestions either Egypt might invite advisers from major shipping companies to serve, as independent individuals, in consultations with the Authority; they could, but need not, be organized as a special committee. The other possibility was for Egypt to invite user nations to constitute a committee to serve roughly along the lines envisaged in October.

In discussion American draft was not mentioned, but was very much in background of S-G's thinking. It later emerged that Egypt took for granted that S-G fully acquainted with the line pursued by the U.S.

A P R I L

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Thursday, 4

Friday, 5

Saturday, 6

(US in World
Aff. 1957)

American tanker exercises the right of "innocent passage" by passing the Strait of Tiran with a cargo of oil for Elath.

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A P R I L

1957

Sunday, 7

Thursday, 4

Monday, 8

Friday, 5

(USF P421) Press Statement by Amb. Richards, Baghdad -

Tuesday, 9

Saturday, 6

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Thursday, 11

Thursday, 11

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(Priv.#38) Second(?) draft Declaration (Personal and Confidential)
submitted by Fawzi to S-G through Loutfi in the afternoon.

Wednesday, 14

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A P R I L

Sunday, 14

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SEE SEPARATE SHEET

Monday, 15

12, 1957

Tuesday, 16

13, 1957

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(Submitted by Rawls to S-G through Loull in the afternoon. (Priv. (8) second (?) draft declaration (Personal and Confidential))

Wednesday, 17

(USFP 382) Eisenhower News Conf. Statements (Excerpts)
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Friday, 12

(Priv.#38) Loutfi came to see S-G late afternoon with two cables: first one containing new draft which had, however, to be retransmitted next day because of errors in transmission; the second one on observations by Fawzi, to wit that he had now fully covered the six points, although he had not gone the full length of the US proposal. He would accept "in principle" submission of the text to the G.A. in order to give Assembly an opportunity to take note of the Declaration. He feared, however, a lengthy and complicated debate. He could also accept my sending a reply stating that "the Declaration with the obligations therein was an international instrument". He further said that he considered it possible to associate with the operation: bigger shipping companies or their representatives.

A P R I L

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Saturday, 13

(Priv.#38) Second (?) draft Declaration (Personal and Confidential) submitted to S-G by Fawzi through Loutfi in the afternoon.

S-G made only brief comments, mainly indicating that few changes had been made. Loutfi fully understood that S-G felt that he should consult "one or two" missions. It then turned out -- also confirmed by Ambassador Engen -- that Washington was not informed about substance of comments by Fawzi; therefore, S-G called Undersecretary Herter giving him substance of the comments & indicating also what line of approach S-G intended to make on questions of form and of users' representation. Herter said that such a reaction from S-G's side would not involve any crossing of wires with Washington, but S-G promised him nevertheless to inform him about what he was sending to Cairo before transmitting it.

A P R I L

1 9 5 7

Sunday, 14

(Priv.#38) Message to Dr. Fawzi from S-G - "I have the feeling that especially the point regarding legal validity and consequences of the Declaration, and the point regarding administrative arrangements for cooperation with users requires further exploration. I believe that those points could be met in a less incomplete, and also in other respects less unsatisfactory than you have so far suggested without encroaching upon the rights which you, in your view, should safeguard " I prefer not to make any substantive observation today... "

(Priv.#38) Draft of paper sent to Fawzi (see file)

2.p.m. meeting of S-G with Wadsworth, Barco and Pedersen. US group informs S-G about development of Security Council plans and expresses hope that S-G would not react so as to give Cairo the impression that he regarded the text as definitive. Then Ambassador Wadsworth read Washington's comments that the second draft (note by JFE - likely blue paper called "US counter-proposals"). These comments were extremely negative. Wadsworth agreed that on 3 major points the criticism was unwarranted. Those points (1) a rejection of the jurisdiction of the International Court; (2) a possibility to stymie arbitration by a failure to appoint a party arbitrator and (3) a denial of party position to the Suez ^{Company} in an arbitration on compensation.

Later in the afternoon S-G sent to Loutfi and to US delegation his reply to Fawzi which was aimed primarily at keeping door open while US was pursuing its discussions with Cairo concerning a possible Security Council report. Text was also intended to safeguard S-G against any statement on the Egyptian side that he had approved the text in view of possibility that text might be issued before a Security Council meeting. It appeared from the talks with the delegation group and later with Wadsworth alone that mission was sharply against Security Council discussion but that Washington had given in under British pressure while Paris now said that they were against a Security Council meeting and that the timetable was set in order ~~that text~~ to put the British on record as accepting payment to Egypt but "under protest". Clarification of Egyptian reaction to the idea of a joint Egyptian-US démarche to the Council still awaited and uncertain and Dixon had let it be known that he had not been informed about it though S-G believed that this should have been communicated to British Ambassador in Washington in course of last few days.

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Tuesday, 16

(Priv.#38) Message from S-G to Fawzi with additional observations.
Main point suggestion of S-G to Government of Egypt to provide for arbitration also regarding the interpretation and application of the Declaration. Such an acceptance in the text of the Declaration would definitely mark its character as an instrument under Article 102. Also question of covering letter and question of cooperation with users.

(Priv.#38) Letter from the French delegation on the question of the remboursement des dépenses assumées par la France pour les opérations de dégagement du Canal de Suez qui ont été effectuées dans le cadre de la mission confiée par l'Assemblée générale au Secrétaire général.

A P R I L

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Thursday, 18

Friday, 19

(USFP 65) Dept of State Press Statement

(USFP 81) Note to US Embassy, Moscow from Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs referring to US Note of 11 March '57

(Priv#30) S-G letter to B.G. "I am under the obligation in relation to the G.A. to do all I possibly can for the implementation of the Armistice Agreement and for a deployment of the UNEF on the Armistice Demarcation Line".

Saturday, 20

Acting COS-UNTSO Report (S/3815)

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Sunday, 21

Thursday, 18

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(USFP 67) Address by Dulles before Associated Press, N.Y. (EXTRACT)

Tuesday, 23

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(USFP 384) Dulles News Conf. Statements (EXTRACT)
+ p. 68

Wednesday, 24

(USFP 386) Letter to S/G from Egyptian Foreign Minister A/3576 + 5/3818
announcing Suez Canal open^t transshipping Declaration 501 of 59401.

(USFP 390) Letter to Pres. Sec Co from US Rep requesting meeting
on Suez Canal Question (5/3817/Rev 1)

— Letter S/G to For. Min. Egypt informing him that
original of "Declaration" deposited in Archives of UN (5/3819)

A P R I L

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Friday, 19

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(Priv.#38) Note by Stavropoulos - analysis of the Suez Canal Declaration. States that Egypt has either accepted or rejected outright the US wording and with only two exceptions there is no indication of a middle or compromise text. Those accepted are not of great significance compared to those that have been rejected. Compares further systematically U.S. proposals and Egyptian action.

APRIL

1957

Thursday, 25

Friday, 26

S.C. 776 (10:30 - 12:30) U.S. letter re Suez Canal (5/3817)

777 (15:00 - 18:05) U.S. letter re Suez Canal (5/3817/Rev. 1)

(USFP 39) Statement by Lodge in Sec Council (5/PV ?)

Saturday, 27

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A P R I L / M A Y

Sunday, 28

CS, yabruol

Monday, 29

CS, yabruol

(Priv#30) B.G. letter to S-G in reply to S-G's of 19 April

"I am of course happy to see you here" "but frankness to you personally and in your capacity as representative of the UN obliges me to tell you quite clearly that our discussions will not touch upon the two questions of detail mentioned in your letter".

Tuesday, 30

CS, yabruol

Wednesday, 1

M A Y

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Thursday, 2

(Priv # 30) S-G letter to B.G.

Friday, 3

Saturday, 4

(Priv #30) Letter to S-G from B.G. "the two items referred to in your first letter do not fall in this category and can under no circumstances come within the ambit of our conversations"

1957

M A Y

Sunday, 5

Monday, 6

Tuesday, 7

(Piv #30) Cable S/G to B.G. "These assumptions are fully understood and noted"

Wednesday, 8

M A Y

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Thursday, 9

(USFP 392) Communiqué issued by Council of Suez Canal
Users Association

(USFP 69) Radio + TV address by Amb. Richards
upon his return from Middle East

(Pir # 30) 4 p.m. Mtg S/G, Bunche, etc = B.G. Meir, Lurie etc
in Jerusalem

(Pir # 30) S/G arrives in Israel

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(Pir # 30) 9.30 a.m. Mtg (same) in Jerusalem.

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Sunday, 12

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Letter from Repr. of Syria re construction budget D.3.
(Syria/Israeli) (S/3827)

Tuesday, 14

(USFP 393) Dulles News Conf Statements (EXTRACT)

Wednesday, 15

- French letter to Pres. Sec. Council re Suez S/3829 (Discussed # 778 & 779)
- (USFP 394) Eisenhower News Conf. Statement (EXTRACT)
- Letter from Repr of France requesting S.C. resume consideration item on Suez Canal (S/3829)

MAY

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Thursday, 16

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Friday, 17

05, yabnca

(Priv #30) Letter of thanks S-G to B.G. "the goal we have in common is a link which should cement a relationship which to me personally is precious"

Saturday, 18

15, yabnca

25, yabnca

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Sunday, 19

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S.C. 748 (15.00 - 18.10) French letter 15 May '57 re Suez (S/3829)

(15) Letter of thanks to H.H. "The goal we have in common is a link which should cement a relationship which to me personally is precious"

Tuesday, 21

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S.C. 779 (15.00 - 18.15) French letter 15 May '57 re Suez (S/3829) (concluded)

(USFP 394) Lodge statement in Sec. Council (S/PV. 779)
" 396) " " " " " "

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SATURDAY, 1

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(USFP 422) Council of Ministers of Baghdad Pact meet in
Karachi (3-6 June 1957 - see Communique of 6 June 57)

Tuesday, 4

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Wednesday, 5

Sunday, 3

JUNE

1957

Thursday, 6

(USFP 422) Communiqué of Council of Baghdad Pact

Friday, 7

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Sunday, 9

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(USFP 85) Note to Soviet Minister of For Affairs from U.S. Embassy, Moscow
referring to Soviet note of 19 April '57.

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Thursday, 13

Letter to S/G from Rep. of France transmitting
Communication from French Government

8/3839/Rev. 1

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A/COS/ additional report (S/3844)

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PS, 7/30/57

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PS, 7/31/57

Tuesday, 2

PS, 7/31/57

Wednesday, 3

22 August 1957 - Intro to 8th Annual
Report - 1956/1957.

18 July
1957 Declaration by the Govt of Egypt
in respect to the jurisdiction of
the International Court of
Justice S/3818/Add.1

Parties to 1888 Convention + other Nations concerned
in use of Canal, see SC. Problems p. 36.

For list of countries invited to London Conf of ~~the~~ 16/8/56
see SCP. p. 43.

Suez Committee: See SCP p. 303
Cairo Meeting 24-29 Aug. 1956.

France PM. Mallet
F.M. Pincus
U.N. Perm Rep. Cornut Gentile (Pres. of Secs October '56)
(Ardonneau, Guiringaud)

UK PM. Eden
FM. Selwyn Lloyd (Anthony Nutting)
U.N. Perm Rep. Prewitt Dunton

US. Pres. Eis
Sec. State Dulles
Depluse Wilson
U.N. Perm Rep. Cabot Lodge
(Barco, -)

TO BE CHECKED

'Full Circle'pp633-34 material re 10-day visit of Lloyd to U.S. about 2nd half of
November 1956(Approx. 18 -28 Nov) Dates to be checked

"U.S. officials refused to cooperate at ny level of policy making. They declared
that Britain, France and U.S. must not appear to be conspiring together
behind the back of the U.N. as attitude was that President had been slighted
because the Allies had acted without permission. The Allies must pay for it and
pay they did."

'Full Circle'p.635 - Eisenhower refused to receive Lloyd and also Casey

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Text of Anglo-Soviet Declaration of 27 April 1956 on Middle East ???

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(Priv.#19) document 6 to be accounted for.

(Priv.#19) Document 38 - Statement by S-G 13 September 1956 -was it a Press Conference?

12 September 1956 - S-G Note verbale to Israeli Government ???

29 March 1957 - First Draft Suez Declaration????

Still to be done Priv.#36 - period Aug 1957 to beginning 1958 - Suez Canal Company

✓ 12 September 1956 - Letter from Bulganin to Eden??

✓ 17 September 1956 - Letter from Eden to Bulganin??

27 October 1956 - Message to Ben Gurion from Eisenhower??

1 November 1956 - Nixon Speech??

August 1955 - Dulles ideas on MidEast?

RETURN TO PRIV #20, document B paras 24-26 not covered

Priv.#28

SG Diary notes on the Gaza take-over - Feb. and Mar 1957

24, 25, 26, 28 February, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13,
14 and 16 March 1957

Attached: Cable to Burns from SG of 2 March

Addendum to diary notes of 5 March (dated 9 Aug.)

Comments on the situation 1 March 1957

Comments on the situation 6 March 1957

Memorandum dated 21 May 1957

S/G. statements, interventions, Press conferences.

31 Oct. in Secs. Statement §PV.751

5 Nov. in Secs Statement (2nd rep.) §PV.755

6 Nov. Press Conf. (Brit. statement) NTo 1433/Res. 1
(UK statement A/3306 & Press Rel. Pm. 3208)

12 Nov. Press Conf.

25 May 1950 - UK, US, France Tripartite
Declaration re peace in Middle East -
See US Dept of State Bull. June 5, 1950, p. 886.

1 Sept. 1951 - Resolution on free passage of ships in
Suez Canal 9/23 22.

Index of diligations to various Conferences
see Suez Canal ^{Problem} - pages xii - xv

Suez Canal Agreements 1854 - 1954

List them

SC Problem 1 - 20

11 Dec. 48 Res. 194 (III)

11 August 1949 - S/1376 - S.C. lends its authority to
Armistice Agreements signed by Parties

25 Aug. 1955 - Sec'y of State (U.S.) outlined concept of
mutually agreed settlement

26 Aug 1955 Speech by Dulles (Dept of State Bull, 5/11/55)

24 Nov. 1953 Res.

20 March 1955 Resol. S/3379

8 Sept 1955 " S/3435

19 Jan. 1956 " S/3538

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Tuesday, 5

(USFP p. 333) Dulles News Conference (excerpts) -see below

(USFP p. 44) Statement by Dulles
- refers to adoption by House of Representatives of resolution
on Eisenhower doctrine

(Priv #28) Cable from Burns to Headquarters with suggested text for statement by
him at take-over, scheduled for 7 March. Revised to read:
UNEF "acting in fulfilment of its functions as determined by
the G.A." for the purpose of maintaining quiet etc.

Conversation of S-G with Pearson and 7 other delegations (the 8
delegations headed by Pearson came at S-G's request) on the basic
contradiction between the Israeli interpretation and assumptions and
the stand of the majority and official stand of the U.N. Everybody
counselling that "we would have to try to get on without getting
this conflict in sharp focus" hoping that no move on Egyptian side
would bring contradiction to light and trying for our part to
find formula avoiding key issue. S-G pointing out that unmanageable
situation would arise for U.N. as it would appear if the U.N. stand
was changed under pressure from the Egyptian side instead of, as was
the case, having been consistently held all through the final and
decisive stage.

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that Israel could not tolerate the return of Egypt in any way, shape
or form to Gaza. According to her, this stand had been approved
by Dulles. According to Eban, Dulles knew about the Israeli stand.
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warships through the Strait of Tiran as innocent passage brought up.
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various positions were approved by G.A., USA, etc.

S-G informed U.S. Mission asking for cross-checking with Washington;
thereafter (afternoon) meeting Advisory Committee where question was
discussed, avoiding direct reference to Israeli stand.

1957

MARCH

Tuesday, 5 (cont'd)

(Priv.#27) Press conference by Dulles.

"The statement about the take-over being exclusively by the UNEF related to the initial take-over and was stated by Mrs. Meir in precisely the language which was used by the S-G in his report, and the balance of what Mrs. Meir said was stated primarily in terms of expectations and not necessarily of assumptions"

On Eisenhower letter to B-G Dulles said that it "referred generally to the hopes and expectations for a better future for the area and should not be interpreted as necessarily an endorsement of every detail of everything that everybody said, because, indeed, some of those statements were in conflict with each other".

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