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(HAMMARSKJOLD)

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IS REPORTED TO FAVOR A U.N. SUPERVISORY COMMISSION FOR THE SUEZ CANAL, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID.

THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT HAMMARSKJOLD HAS EXPRESSED HIMSELF PRIVATELY ON THIS MATTER TO A NUMBER OF DIPLOMATS AND ALSO EXPRESSED HIS ASTONISHMENT THAT THE CANAL DISPUTE WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT BEFORE THE U.N.

THEY BELIEVED HAMMARSKJOLD'S IDEA IS THAT A U.N. COMMISSION FOR THE CANAL SHOULD BE SUPERVISORY RATHER THAN REGULATORY AND ITS CHIEF TASK WOULD BE TO WATCH CLOSELY EGYPT'S MANAGEMENT OF THE CANAL AND THE CANAL TRAFFIC.

THEY ALSO SAID HAMMARSKJOLD CONSIDERS IF THERE IS ANY VIOLATION OF FREEDOM OF TRANSIT THROUGH THE CANAL BY EGYPT THIS WOULD IMMEDIATELY BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE U.N. BY THE COMMISSION AND THAT SUITABLE CORRECTIVE ACTION WOULD THEN BE TAKEN.

THEY SAID EGYPT WOULD BE LIKELY TO ACCEPT SUCH A PROPOSITION, BUT IT WOULD SEEM DIFFICULT FOR THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE TO ACCEPT THE IDEA AS THEY HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR THE CANAL THAT WOULD HAVE REGULATORY POWERS.

THE SOURCES EXPECTED THIS MATTER WOULD COME UP BETWEEN HAMMARSKJOLD AND SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES AT THEIR MEETING TODAY.

8/10--TS218P

(DULLES)

NEW YORK--SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN FOSTER DULLES ARRIVED HERE BY PLANE FROM WASHINGTON FOR WHAT HE SAID WOULD BE A DISCUSSION OF THE SUEZ CANAL CRISIS WITH U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD AND U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N., HENRY CABOT LODGE.

THE THREE MEN LUNCH TOGETHER AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL.

"I SUPPOSE WE WILL TALK ABOUT SUEZ," DULLES TOLD NEWSMEN WHEN HE ARRIVED AT LAGUARDIA AIRPORT. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN HAMMARSKJOLD SINCE THE SECRETARY GENERAL RETURNED FROM A RECENT VISIT TO TROUBLED AREAS OF ISRAEL AND EGYPT AND THEY PROBABLY WOULD DISCUSS THAT, TOO.

ASKED ABOUT A RUSSIAN PROPOSAL THAT THE AUG. 16 DATE FOR THE LONDON CONFERENCE ON SUEZ BE POSTPONED UNTIL LATER, DULLES SAID THAT WAS "PRIMARILY A MATTER FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE, SINCE THEY ARE THE INVITING NATION."

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DURING HIS BRIEF VISIT HERE, DULLES PLANNED TO REGISTER AS AN ABSENTEE VOTER FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. HE PLANNED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON AT 2:30 P.M. EDT.

8/10--E112P

(DULLES)

NEW YORK--SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES CONFERRED FOR 90 MINUTES AT LUNCH WITH U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD ON THE SUEZ CANAL CRISIS AND "CONDITIONS GENERALLY."

THEY LUNCHEDED WITH THE TWO U.S. AMBASSADORS TO THE U.N., HENRY CABOT LODGE JR. AND JAMES J. WADSWORTH AT LODGE'S RESIDENCE IN THE WALDORF ASTORIA TOWERS.

NONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD COMMENT ON THE STATEMENT OF SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN LONDON THAT RUSSIA HAS NOT MADE A FINAL DECISION TO ATTEND NEXT WEEK'S CONFERENCE ON THE SUEZ.

DULLES, WHO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS TRIP TO NEW YORK TO REGISTER FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION, RUSHED FROM THE HOTEL TO HIS LIMOUSINE FOR AN IMMEDIATE RETURN TO WASHINGTON BY PLANE. HE TOLD NEWSMEN ONLY THAT "WE TALKED ABOUT THE SUEZ AND CONDITIONS GENERALLY."

HAMMARSKJOLD BRUSHED PAST NEWSMEN AS HE BOLTED FROM THE HOTEL ELEVATOR TO THE GARAGE ENTRANCE AND HIS CAR. LODGE DID NOT APPEAR AFTER THE LUNCH.

WADSWORTH MADE THE ONLY OBSERVATION ON THE LONDON REPORTS. HE SAID, THEY WERE "VERY INTERESTING."

8/10--N432P

ADD DULLES, NEW YORK

LATER AT LA GUARDIA FIELD, DULLES EXPANDED HIS LISTING OF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED TO INCLUDE "THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONTROVERSY."

"WE DIDN'T DISCUSS ANYTHING CONCRETE, JUST BASIC FACTS," HE SAID.

HE DECLINED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT THE CONVERSATION OR PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S CONFERENCE WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS ON THE SUEZ SITUATION AT THE WHITE HOUSE SUNDAY. HE SAID CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL ARTHUR W. RADFORD WOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE "TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY ARE ASKED, ON THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION."

8/10--TS344P