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Dixon, Pierson (Perm. Represent. of U.K.
to the U.N.)

- 1 letter from D.H.
- 2 press clippings (N.Y. Times)

14 January 1957

Dear Bob,

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I guess you saw the New York Times dispatch of today of which I all the same enclose a copy. Indeed, I do get assistance from the interested parties.

The publicity around the settlement, which seems to have been staged from the French side and which culminates in these fare-well words, is certainly one of the causes of the hardening of the atmosphere which, although not openly expressed, is unmistakable. Another basically more important one is the growth of the feeling that the Israelis will, somehow, get away with the plan to dig their heels in in Gaza and to force their way through in the Straits of Tiran with the support of those who now so openly wave with the strategic value of the pipe-line from Elath. Perhaps one should add on a more specific level the obviously complete lack of response to all Egyptian efforts to get a de-blocking of their assets and the fact that this reaction goes hand in hand with the likewise complete lack of interest in the war damage question.

And over it all hangs the clouds of the Cold War which seem to sink rapidly over the Middle East again.

These observations are neither cheerful nor cheering. I would not have aired them had it not been for the story from which this letter starts out.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES

Monday, 14 Jan. 57

PINEAU FLIES HOME

French Foreign Minister Is
Optimistic After Talks

Christian Pineau, French Foreign Minister, left New York International Airport, Idlewild, Queens, last night for Paris, after attending United Nations sessions and conferring with United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Referring to a report from Paris that France would offer a new Suez Canal proposal, M. Pineau said that France would adhere "strictly" to the observance of the eighteen-power Canal Users Association plan set up in London last fall.

"We would study any other plan, but we have not initiated any, nor proposed any," he added. "We are still for international operation of the Canal and we will stick to the eighteen-power resolution."

M. Pineau said he was "very optimistic" regarding his talks with Mr. Dulles. He did not elaborate.

N.Y. Times, 1 January 1957

MOLLET IN PLEDGES TO ISRAELIS, POLES

Special to The New York Times.

PARIS, Dec. 31—Premier Guy Mollet said tonight that France would do her utmost in the new year to achieve peace in the Middle East for Israel and to establish closer relations with Poland.

M. Mollet's remarks were prepared for broadcasts to the two countries.

In his message to the Poles, the Premier pledged a broader and more "objective" exchange of information and ideas.

M. Mollet called attention to the political situation in Poland without specifically mentioning the delicate relations between Poland and the Soviet Union.

His message to Israel said that France was full of admiration for the "exploits of your army and the audacity of your soldiers" during the brief Egyptian campaign.

Special to The New York Times.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 31—Premier David Ben-Gurion credited today French cooperation with having prevented the annihilation of Israel by Egypt.

He spoke in the Knesset (Parliament), but did not amplify this statement. An aide said later that the Premier had had in mind the substantial arms deliveries to Israel before the start of the Sinai campaign.