

days following the outbreak of hostilities. Mohieddin maintained that there were no general orders requiring stateless Jews to leave the country and none were being issued. Those ordered from the country had been found guilty of acts against interests of the state or had connections with Israel which made them a security risk. He added that a total of 300 Egyptian and stateless Jews had been interned; 21 stateless and 77 Egyptian Jews continued to be held for security reasons. After reporting Mohieddin's assertions, Hare commented: "Unfortunately Zakaria's reasonableness and assurances only partly reflected in actual developments." That week, according to Hare, a number of stateless Jews had been advised by the police that they must leave the country at the earliest opportunity, and there were also reports of Jews being fired from their jobs and of Jewish businessmen having difficulty obtaining needed permits for their businesses. (*Ibid.*, 874.411/1-1157)

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15. Memorandum of a Conversation, Department of State,  
Washington, January 11, 1957<sup>1</sup>

SUBJECT

The Middle East

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Mr. Pineau said that the French position with regard to the procedure for negotiations with Egypt was flexible, and that he was willing to consider any arrangement which Mr. Hammarskjold might find workable. He said he thought the major factor was one of timing. There were a number of problems which should be settled by the time the Canal is again open to traffic in March. The French Government,

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Department of State, Central Files, 684A.86/1-1157. Secret. Drafted by Tyier.