

maruskjöld as having done a very good job, at least up to now. We need not necessarily assume that Hammarskjöld will fail on the last and most important phase of the Suez Canal problem.

*The National Security Council:*²

Discussed the subject in the light of the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as presented orally at the meeting by the Chairman, JCS.

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² The paragraph that follows constitutes NSC Action No. 1668, approved by the President on February 8. (Department of State, S/S-NSC (Miscellaneous) Files: Lot 66 D 95, Records of Action by the National Security Council, 1957)

64. Editorial Note

At the Secretary's Staff Meeting on February 7 the following remarks were made concerning Arab-Israeli developments at the United Nations:

"Mr. Wilcox reported briefly on Secretary General Hammarskjöld's recent dealings with the Israelis regarding the question of the withdrawal of their forces. He said recent reports from USUN indicate that a resolution calling for sanctions against Israel will achieve the required 2/3 vote because of the many abstentions. He also reported a growing feeling in New York that the sponsors of the last resolution should sponsor a resolution calling for such sanctions and noted that a policy decision on this question would be required before debate opens on Monday." (Department of State, Secretary's Staff Meetings: Lot 63 D 75)

65. Memorandum of a Conversation, Department of State, Washington, February 7, 1957, 3:30-7:30 p.m.¹

SUBJECT

Further U.S.-Saudi Arabian Talks

PARTICIPANTS

U.S. Officials
The Secretary

Representing Saudi Arabia
Shalkh Yusuf Yasin

¹ Source: Department of State, Central Files, 611.86A/2-1057. Confidential Drafted on February 10 by Stoltzfus.