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300. Editorial Note

On April 21, Chargé Walworth Barbour in London informed Secretary Dulles that on the morning of April 20, Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai A. Bulganin and Nikita S. Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, along with other Soviet officials, met with British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, and their advisers at 10 Downing Street. Among the topics discussed was the need to achieve a settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute. Barbour reported:

"Eden made forceful presentation seriousness situation importance Israeli-Arab settlement. He took line that it is evident from Sov ME statement and other indications that Sovs look to the UN to handle ME and specifically Arab-Israeli problem. He noted that tripartite declaration had been designed to cover a situation in which the UN should be unable or prevented from taking effective action. The Brit concurred that UN should be the forum for the settlement of this problem and in the Brit view to the extent that UN is effective in the matter the tripartite declaration will recede into the background. He accordingly pressed Sovs to agree to waive veto in Security Council in naming aggressor in case hostilities. Khrushchev reacted violently citing record Sovs vetoes Security Council which he maintained were on matters vital interest to Sovs and completely rejected idea advance commitment not to exercise right granted in UN Charter. Eden pointed out that agreement to waive a right does not prejudice existence of that right but Sovs adamant. However, Kirkpatrick feels that although no progress made on veto it may be useful to have on record for future clear-cut Sov refusal this time.

"Discussion continued on general desirability UN action Arab-Israeli dispute and was finally agreed that representatives both sides would attempt to come up with draft joint statement to be issued embodying measure joint views. As result Kirkpatrick for the UK and Gromyko for the USSR met this morning and have prepared a