

President that he slept through the commotion and quoted Turkish Prime Minister Menderes' view that the bombs, which caused little damage and no personal injury, were a Communist demonstration against the Pact and Dulles himself. Dulles described the opening public sessions as "for the most part good in substance and tone," but he thought Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri Said went on "excessively" about Israel and Algeria. Dulles described the afternoon restricted closed session as really "interesting discussions" about the capabilities of the Soviet Union and the threat it posed to the Middle East. Dulles told the President that he warned Pact members against the Soviet Union's tactic of stirring up differences between "free world countries." Dulles thought his presentation was well received, except by Nuri Said "who is pretty tough." (Department of State, Conference Files: Lot 63 D 123, CF 974)

The most complete set of briefing papers, records of meetings, telegrams, and memoranda of side conversations at the Baghdad Pact meeting is *ibid.*, CF 959–970 and 973–977.

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7. Telegram From Secretary of State Dulles to the Department  
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Ankara, January 29, 1958, 10 p.m.

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Dear Mr. President:

Our conference is drawing to a close in an atmosphere dominated by concern over the union of Syria with Egypt.<sup>1</sup> It is the unanimous view of the Middle East members that this is an unhappy development which can presage much trouble. It does not seem to be entirely clear whether it is promoted by the Communists or whether the Communists are going along with Nasser's ambition to unify the Arab world under his leadership. Under either contingency the development is viewed with lively concern.

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Source: Department of State, Central Files, 396.1-AN/1-2958. Top Secret. Drafted by Dulles.

<sup>1</sup>The Union was proclaimed on February 1, 1958.