

Nasser's appeal, the inability of the West to compete with the Soviet Union for Nasser's support, possible recognition of the new Iraq Government, and a possible Middle East summit. (Memorandum of conversation, July 28, USDel/MC/9; *ibid.*, Conference Files: Lot 63 D 123, CF 1066)

In a pre-meeting report to Eisenhower on July 27, Dulles described a discussion he had with British Prime Minister Macmillan and Foreign Secretary Lloyd on July 27 as follows:

"Then with my advisers I had a two-hour meeting with Harold Macmillan and Selwyn Lloyd and their advisers. We canvassed the prospects for the Baghdad Pact meeting, including the possibility of finding another name and a new form in which to express the mutual security commitments for which all the Northern Tier countries are eager. Our experts are studying this further and we may be able to make some interim progress before I leave." (Dulte 2 from London, July 27; *ibid.*, Central Files, 780.00/7-2758) A more detailed account of this discussion is in Secto 6 from London, July 27; *ibid.*, 396.1-LO/7-2758)

Eisenhower responded the same day as follows:

"Regarding a possible substitute for the Baghdad Pact, my present thoughts are about as follows: I believe we should listen and discuss but not now make decisions. Our Mid-East friends are currently tense and fearful, thus tending to make them more emotional than thoughtful. Their urgent and immediate needs we should seek to supply to the best of our ability but long-range planning should ordinarily be agreed on the basis of calm study and reflection.

"We of course must be loyal and friendly but we need not be in a hurry to exchange marriage vows.

"This is not especially helpful. But it is to be remembered that I just received your message a few minutes ago and of course I have had no opportunity for recent personal contacts with the responsible officials with whom you will be talking on Monday.

"My principal purpose now is to let you know that I shall be thinking of you and your work in the confidence that in your wisdom and knowledge we have an asset of incalculable value.

"I shall be looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

"My warm greetings to all my friends and my best to you." (Tedul 4 to London, July 27; Eisenhower Library, Whitman File, International File)