

lems. The British want to talk about this problem before the Secretary leaves for England. It might be well for State to wait a day or two before talking to the British in order to give the JCS a chance to read the British paper.

General Bradley: I don't think that it will be necessary to wait if my summary covered the points raised by the British paper.

Mr. Nitze: The summary has covered those points.

General Collins: I think it would be helpful to talk with the British before the Secretary leaves for England.

[Here follows discussion on Korea.]

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780.5/6-2152: Telegram

The Secretary of State to the Embassy in the United Kingdom

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6830. US comments on UK memo re estab of Middle East Defense Org handed Brit Emb office June 20. ¹ Substance of com-

¹ On June 18, officers of the British Embassy called at the Department of State with a draft memorandum on the Middle East Defense Organization. The memorandum suggested changing the name from Command Organization to Defense Organization and stated that the British no longer favored delay in establishing the organization in the hope of an early settlement of the Anglo-Egyptian deadlock. They made the following suggestions for setting up the organization: 1) a preliminary and secret exchange of views among the original Seven Powers to agree on a policy before the official conference, 2) a London Conference of the Seven Powers, with Egypt and the six Middle Eastern States concerned (Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, and Lebanon) invited to attend on an equal basis with the original sponsors. It would be made clear to the Middle Eastern States, however, that their position in the organization would depend on the contributions they made. A memorandum of the June 18 conversation and the British memorandum is in Department of State file 780.5/6-1852.

A letter to the Secretary of Defense, dated June 27, not printed, enclosed a copy of the U.S. comments on the British draft memorandum handed to an officer of the British Embassy on June 20. The letter informed the Secretary that the comments were based on the State-Joint Chiefs of Staff discussion of Middle East problems on June 18, and noted that copies of a previous draft of the comments had been informally furnished to the offices of the Secretary of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff on June 20. (780.5/6-2352)

No copy of the final comments was attached to the letter to the Secretary of Defense in Department of State files. There is, however, a copy of the original draft of the comments, dated June 19. (780.5/6-1952) A letter from the Deputy Director of the Policy Planning Staff to General Cabell, Director of the Joint Staff, dated June 24, not printed, informed Cabell that the original draft had been revised to take account of two points raised by the Joint Strategic Survey Committee. (PPS files, lot 64 D 563, "S/P papers, May-June, 1952") A memorandum from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense, dated June 24, not printed, with the formal JCS recommendations on the June 19 draft comments, was transmitted to the Department of State with a letter of June 28 from Foster to Acheson; see footnote 2, Document 80. (780.5/6-2652)