

who opposed foreign aid programs could argue that it was useless to assist the Near East when the states of that region did nothing but fight among themselves. Despite all this, the President believed it was important to help the area and he would persevere in this policy.

6. The President assured the Ambassador and Abboud Pasha that we would do nothing and would undertake no commitment that would be "illogical" with regard to Egypt. Our objective was a *reasonable* solution to present difficulties.

During the course of the President's remarks, which were made informally and not in the exact order set forth above, Abboud Pasha interjected observations to the effect that (a) American policy toward Israel had created fear in the Arab states; (b) the US, nevertheless, was not regarded as an imperialist state; (c) the refugees were the real problem in the Palestine situation; and (d) one of the difficulties in the Anglo-Egyptian dispute was the inferiority complex which seventy years of British occupation had created in the Egyptians—if it were not for this, Egypt could admit British troops just as American troops were admitted to France and England.

At the close of the conversation, Ambassador Hussein told the President that Secretary Dulles' recent visit to Cairo had had an excellent effect and created much hope among the Egyptians.

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Present at the 147th meeting of the Council were the President of the United States, presiding; the Vice President of the United States; the Secretary of State; the Secretary of Defense; and the Director for Mutual Security. Also present were the Secretary of the Treasury; the Director of Defense Mobilization; the Director, Bureau of the Budget; General Collins for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; the Director of Central Intelligence; The Assistant to the President; Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the President; C. D. Jackson, Special Assistant to the President; General Persons, Special Assistant to the President; the Military Liaison Officer; Robert R. Bowie, Department of State; Frank C. Nash, Department

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