

public. The Department representatives undertook to provide the answer to this question.

[Annex A]

AGENDA FOR US-UK OIL TALKS ON APRIL 5, 1954

- I. Pipeline transit agreements in the Middle East.
- II. Saudi Arabia.
 - a. Status of Aramco-SAG negotiations
 - b. Status of Onassis tanker deal
 - c. Implications of boundary questions for international oil development.
- III. Reexamination of attitudes toward 50-50 oil concession agreements.
- IV. Implications for other Middle East production of reentry of Iranian oil into world markets.
- V. Oil company-government relations in the Middle East.
- VI. Relation of antitrust questions to Middle East oil problems.
- VII. Should there be periodic US-UK-Dutch-French oil talks?
- VIII. General economic and political trends (e.g., nationalism) in the Middle East and their significance for petroleum operations in the area.
- IX. Soviet oil
 - a. Soviet objectives in expanding sales
 - b. US-UK Government position on question of their nationals being forced by local governments to handle and/or market Soviet oil
 - c. Security aspects, if any, to West of expanding Soviet oil sales.

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