

liament ratifying EDC and the repercussions in the United States if the French refused; the President's comments on Senator Wiley's remarks regarding the Soviet Union; and statement of his hopes that the Windsor papers would be taken care of in an equitable fashion.]

As ever,

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24. Limit distribution. For Caffery from the Secretary. Our bilateral talks with Salisbury on Egypt begin July 11.² General climate surrounding these talks is not one which leaves me hopeful.

It is becoming increasingly clear that Salisbury will present Churchill's stand on this problem. It appears that he and Robertson will advance their adherence to Case A³ as a duty which Britain owes Western world. It is probable that Robertson, as indicated by a recent memo he sent Churchill,⁴ will state his belief that Case A can be obtained with some slight modifications in form. We will thus not only be faced with Churchill argument but with an estimate that their position can in fact be obtained. When we refute British position that Case A cannot in fact be obtained we shall probably conclude with different estimates of situation and thus end in impasse.

On other hand Egyptians are sitting back waiting for US to produce a miracle. They broke off discussions in Cairo and have since that date had no suggestions of their own. A review of British minutes Cairo talks indicates Egyptians were most unreasonable on several points. In my conversations in Cairo and in informal contacts since that time their position has seemed more reasonable but hardly in form that we can use to advantage with British.

In light above it is difficult see how matters can be greatly advanced in Washington talks. If we strive for agreement with British on a specific formula we run risk that agreement would be pos-

¹ Drafted and approved by Byroade after being cleared in draft with the Secretary of State.

² See footnote 2, Document 1196.

³ See Document 1061.

⁴ Not printed.