

Later that afternoon, but before he had received telegram 574 (Document 28), Murphy forwarded to the Department of State a report containing the verbatim text of the draft communiqué and an account of the major points and differences raised at the meeting. Murphy noted that the British and French wished the United States to join with them in sponsoring the proposed conference, while the United States was willing to state that it would attend a conference convoked by three or more signatories of the 1888 Convention. Also, the British and French delegates suggested that the conference should consist of the full membership of the International Chamber of Shipping, while Murphy offered a formula which included all signatories of the 1888 Convention (except for Austria-Bohemia-Hungary) and the nine principal countries whose products moved through the Canal. In addition, Murphy requested the Department's views on the communiqué, on a French-British suggestion that a tripartite note condemning the nationalization be sent to Egypt, on the manner in which dues should be paid, and on the possibility of evacuating Americans from Egypt. (Telegram 532 from London, July 30; Department of State, Central Files, 396.1-LO/7-3056) The telegram was sent at 4 p.m., London time, and was received in the Department at 1:57 p.m.

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27. **Memorandum of Telephone Conversations Between the President and the Secretary of State, Washington, July 30, 1956<sup>1</sup>**

**TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT**

11:29 a.m.

The Pres. asked how the Sec. is feeling about it, and the Sec. said all right. He is having a cable typed out and will call back in 10 minutes to read it to the Pres.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Eisenhower Library, Dulles Papers, White House Telephone Conversations. Transcribed by Bernau. During the morning of July 30, Dulles held a series of meetings with Department of State officials regarding the Suez situation and the instructions to be sent to Murphy. At 10:34 a.m. a meeting began, attended by Dulles, Hoover, Phleger, Prochnow, MacArthur, Aldrich, Rountree, Bliss, Bowie and Elbrick. Eisenhower's call came during this meeting. (Dulles' Appointment Book; Princeton University Library, Dulles Papers)