

outgoing message is incorrectly identified as between Washington and Paris.)

37. Telegram From the Embassy in the United Kingdom to the Department of State<sup>1</sup>

London, July 31, 1956—7 p.m.

579. For Acting Secretary from Murphy. Paris eyes only Ambassador from Murphy. At restricted session July 31.<sup>2</sup> I informed Lloyd and Pineau that Secretary planned arrive London tomorrow. Both expressed pleasure. We agreed to state in reply to press queries that possibility Secretary's joining meeting always contemplated; his trip did not mark any dramatic new development.

Remainder meeting devoted to discussion communiqué transmitted Deptel 593.<sup>3</sup> Both Pineau and Lloyd expressed vigorous opposition.

Pineau stated he had shown previous draft, Embtel 547,<sup>4</sup> to Coty and Mollet yesterday. Both thought it weak. Dept's text even weaker, and he believed French Government would not wish ascribe [*subscribe*] to it. Pineau declared numbered paragraph 2 failed condemn Egypt's action vigorously enough. Regarding conference, he said that if US Government suggestion of basing it upon Convention 1888 adopted, it would be necessary, in opinion French legal experts, to invite both East and West Germany. Successive [*Successor*] powers to Austria/Hungary would include Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Poland and Hungary in addition to Austria. Conference with these participants could not be expected to agree to satisfactory international operation of Canal. France realized USSR might propose meeting

<sup>1</sup> Source: Department of State, Central Files, 396.1-LQ/7-3156. Top Secret; Priority. Received at 5:22 p.m. Repeated to Paris.

<sup>2</sup> The fifth tripartite meeting began at 4 p.m. (London time) July 31 and, while in plenary session, dealt primarily with the Canal dues and evacuation questions. Murphy explained that he had not yet received detailed instructions from Washington on these subjects. Following this discussion, Lloyd, Pineau, and Murphy held a restricted session. Other accounts of the fifth meeting are in British Foreign Office, "Record of Meeting Held in the Council Chamber, Foreign Office, at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 1956" and "London Tripartite Conversations," pp. 44-52 (both *ibid.*, Conference Files: Lot 62 D 181, CF 724); and telegrams 578 and 574 from London, July 31 (both *ibid.*, Central Files, 974.7301/7-3156).

<sup>3</sup> Not printed; for text of the Department's proposed communiqué, see Document 32.

<sup>4</sup> Not printed; for text of the "First Redraft of Communiqué," see *ibid.*