

effective participation of such experts in U.S. or joint planning on the problem.

"Currently the U.S. Government is consulting, through the medium of a reconstituted Foreign Petroleum Supply Committee, certain U.S. companies concerned in international oil matters. It believes similar consultation between the UK Government and British oil companies through the Oil Supplies Advisory Committee, mentioned in paragraph 3 of the British Embassy's note, would be useful and a necessary prelude to such joint planning as might be appropriate.

"It is the Department's view that no publicity should be given to the fact of the planning which is being undertaken or which may be undertaken, or to the conclusions reached, and that special attention should be given to this point in view of the number of individuals necessarily concerned with it."

This response was drafted by the Officer in Charge of Economic Organization Affairs in the Bureau of European Affairs, Edwin G. Moline, and forwarded to Acting Secretary Hoover on August 1, under cover of a memorandum by Don C. Bliss of the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Affairs. The text of the response is attached to the August 1 memorandum by Bliss, which is the Department's file copy and which is stamped August 3 at the bottom of the page. (Department of State, Central Files, 974.7301/8-156) A memorandum from Lister (BNA) to Dale (BNA), dated August 6, indicates that Lister handed the original of the note to Morris of the British Embassy, Friday evening, August 3. (*Ibid.*, 986B.7301/8-656)

57. Editorial Note

According to Dulles' Appointment Book, the Secretary arrived outside Washington at noon, August 3, and proceeded immediately to the State Department where he discussed the Suez situation over lunch with Hoover, Murphy, and Phleger. (Princeton University Library; Dulles Papers) No account of this conversation has been found in Department of State files. At 2:15 p.m., the Secretary telephoned Allen Dulles. Their conversation, as transcribed by Bernau, went as follows:

"AWD said congratulations. They agreed it was tough. The Sec. said the fellows there are steamed up. They agreed the job is not done yet—just a cooling-off period. They agreed there should be a meeting at the Sec's house to pull together the next steps. The following will be present: AWD, K. Roosevelt, someone from De-