

NOTE: AWDulles called before 10:00 a. m.
SAdams called before 10:00 a. m.



SATURDAY
April 27, 1957
10:02 a. m.

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TELEPHONE CALL TO THE PRESIDENT AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

The President returned the call. The bulletins on the whole are pretty good from Jordan. Mallory had a long talk with the King. He seemed tired but composed and pretty ^{confident} ~~competent~~. He has asked for help in terms of a radio transmitter, but we can't get it there very fast but the Secretary will get on the job right away. He may want military equipment and the Secretary is looking into that. The Egyptians and some of the Jordan defectors and Syrians are conferring with Saud and there is apprehension they may persuade Saud to switch. Hussein attaches importance to keeping Saud on his side. Israel wants to send another US flagship through the Straits of ^{Tiran} Tehran tomorrow. The Sec. does not think it can be stopped. The Sec. asked Rountree to get in touch with the Embassy and have it done quietly. The Sec. does not know which Company owns it. He will check back and see if there is anything we can do. This is bad because Saud gets excited about such things. The arrangements for alert for evacuation if necessary have been completed. The Sec. said it takes time to deliver a message to Saud. The Sec. said we worked out a pretty good story re the conspiracy to leak today through a Beirut paper. AWD just told the Sec. Nuwar, the fellow who deserted, made a bad statement and received 5,000 pounds for it. The Sec. is not

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sure but it is likely. The Turks are working with almost too much alacrity near the Syrian border. The Sec. will see if we can do anything and will look into the President's thought re sending a message. We should emphasize that we are not a party to this and the ships are not under our control and we cannot forbid them to go.

The Sec. is working on a statement for the Senate Appropriations Committee re the State Department budget. The House cut it terribly and this would cut it below the present budget and we are going to have to fire five or six hundred people when we need to expand. The Sec. said he is planning to make a strong statement if the President approves that under the Constitution the President has a responsibility for the conduct of foreign policy and he does not believe he can adequately carry it out on the basis of the cut appropriation. The Sec. will read it to the President either tomorrow or Monday.

The Sec. mentioned Adams call. They spoke re combining or not. (I think this means combining a speech re mutual aid and the budget.)

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