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Following text questions answers Dulles press conference

Wednesday Eisenhower conference Thursday: Dulles: question:

"What view taken United States Israel participation S.C.U.A.

Answer: that matter not come up. Provisional view taken second London conference was that qualifications membership would probably be similar those prevailed time first London conference namely million net tons or more shipping through Canal during prior calendar year or pattern trade which showed approximately fifty percent or more dependence upon Canal. If those adopted as seemed forecast by talks second London conference of eighteen then Israel would not be eligible member. On other hand you may recall that proposal - statement issued about S.C.U.A. - did say facilities of association would be available to any vessels whether

or not members because we believe principle nondiscriminatory passage through Canal accordance 1888 treaty is one we should recognize ourselves and that we should not try set up organization which obtained preferential rights our members. So if any other vessel wants get facilities of association those facilities will be available to it'. Question: Then Israel on basis just discussed would actually be deprived as consequence Egyptian blockade, Israel would have no way having tons go through because past five years at least no tonnage permitted go through consequently this trade has had be rerouted. In this sense wouldn't you say Egyptian in sense again getting away with it as has with regard Israel".

Answer: " as I outpointed whether or not Israel actual member association is irrelevant from standpoint facilities of association being made available lets say to Israel ships and Israel cargoes. They would have facilities of association. It's awfully hard guess as what volume Israel trade would been through canal if been permitted or what number vessels would been and so forth. So I doubt whether you could establish any criteria which would be based upon that kind guessing you might say. But I don't think

Israel is prejudiced by that result because availability facilities association to all ships" . President's conference: "Egypt been blockading Israel shipping seven years both your administration and previous democratic repeatedly protested Cairo treatment American ships involved that blockade. . . . Against that background and if force unused can you tell any reason hope Egypt would react favorably west's request on administration canal now. Answer: ' Well of course that's a black mark that has stood there long time and I personally think it's most unjust and believe it's not in accord 1888 treaty. Great hope now is that users showing unanimity should set rules procedures observable Egypt will see own best interests lie same way".

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