If asked about United States views regarding the Iranian oil controversy, it is recommended that you reply along the following lines:

"The matter is now before the Security Council, and Dr. Mossadeq is in New York to present the views of the Iranian Government. It would be premature to comment at length upon the Council's consideration of this problem, which has caused grave concern throughout the world. The United States believes that a proper settlement of the issues can be brought about, and earnestly hopes that from the Security Council's consideration of the matter a means for accomplishing this can be evolved."

Revised Resolution

If asked whether the United States has drafted a new resolution or is urging the British to rewrite their original draft along more conciliatory lines, it is recommended that you reply along the following lines:

"We naturally are considering what action by the Security Council would be most beneficial under the circumstances, and other members of the Council are naturally doing the same. We have not as yet adopted any final views as to the course which the Council should pursue."

If asked what this Government is doing at the present time to bring about a resumption of negotiations between the parties, it is recommended that you reply along the following lines:

"As I have often said, the United States wants a settlement between the parties and stands ready to be of any assistance that it can in bringing this about. At the present time, however, the matter is before the Security Council and American efforts to find a solution must be guided by what transpires there."

Mossadeq's

Great Britain:
Mosadeq's Visit to Washington

If asked concerning Dr. Mosadeq's proposed visit to Washington, it is recommended that you reply along the following lines:

"It is understood that Dr. Mosadeq plans to visit Washington although a definite time has not yet been arranged, and he will meet with the President here."

If asked if this is by invitation of the President, it is recommended that you reply affirmatively, saying that the President is always pleased to receive Prime Ministers visiting the United States.

Background for the Secretary

In connection with the last point above, a problem arises in connection with the treatment of Dr. Mosadeq in the United States. While on the one hand we cannot indicate that the President's invitation to Dr. Mosadeq was reluctantly extended, on the other hand we should not unduly antagonize the British by creating the impression that Dr. Mosadeq is getting better than usual treatment.

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