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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL HAVE JUST LEARNED TEXT OF STATEMENT PRESIDENT ABOUT TO ISSUE RE PALESTINE. REGARD IT AS VERY UNSATISFACTORY WITH RESPECT TO HIS OWN DIRECT INTERESTS AS WELL AS TO SITUATION. NO STATEMENT FAILING TO OPPOSE THE BERNADOTTE PLAN FOR THE REDUCTION OF JEWISH STATE BY TWO-THIRDS WILL BE RECEIVED WITH ANYTHING EXCEPT DISDAIN. PUBLIC OPINION IS SO OPPOSED TO BERNADOTTE PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT IS A REWARD TO BRITISH FOR WAR AGAINST U.N. RESOLUTION WHICH THEY INSPIRED, AND TO ARABS FOR WAR THEY CONDUCTED. MOREOVER, TRANSJORDAN, WHICH ALREADY HAS SOME 34,000 SQUARE MILES OF AREA FOR A POPULATION OF 300,000 DOESNT NEED 3,000 MORE MILES OF DESERT. IF NEGEV AND DEAD SEA AREA ARE TAKEN OUT OF JEWISH STATE IT MEANS JEWS CANNOT RESETTLE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS STILL IN D.P. CAMPS OF EUROPE. THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION IN WORLD SITUATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF BERNADOTTE PROPOSAL WHICH IS NOTHING MORE THAN A SHOPWORN BRITISH PLAN WHICH THEY HAVE TRIED TO PUT OVER THREE TIMES WITH THE CONNIVANCE OF OUR STATE DEPARTMENT, AND WHICH EACH TIME THE PRESIDENT STOPPED. NEWYORK TIMES, IN DISPATCH FROM PARIS, SAYS MARSHALL'S ACTION WAS TAKEN ON HIS OWN WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH DULLES OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF U.S. DELEGATION. AUTHORITY FOR THE CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN IN HANDS OF PRESIDENT. IF PRESIDENT WANTS TO DEMONSTRATE TO COUNTRY THAT HE IS A MAN OF STRENGTH, CHARACTER AND EFFICIENCY, HE CAN DO SO BY POSITIVE ACTION IN REPUDIATING BERNADOTTE PLAN. NOTHING ELSE WILL SERVE HIS FAILURE TO DO SO WILL CERTAINLY ADD TO HIS OWN DIFFICULTIES AND COULD ALMOST CERTAINLY DEFEAT DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OF SENATE. AS FAR AS SUCH ACTION JEOPARDIZING OTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO WORLD

SITUATION, CANNOT BELIEVE THAT U S ON WHOM BRITAIN IS DEPENDENT,
NEEDS TO STRIKE A BARGAIN WITH BRITAIN WHICH IS CONTRARY TO SENSE,
JUSTICE AND PRACTICALITY.



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