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6.225 PM. PREMIER'S DINNER GUESTS.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S GUESTS AT THE DINNER PARTY AT NO 10 DOWNING STREET TONIGHT ARE M. MOLLET (FRENCH PRIME MINISTER), M. PINEAU (FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER), M. SHAUVEL (FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN LONDON) .. JOXE (HEAD OF THE FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE), M. NOEL (M. MOLLET'S PRIVATE SECRETARY) THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY, MR R.A. BUTLER, MR HAROLD MACMILLAN, MR SELWYN LLOYD, THE EARL OF HOME, SIR WALTEER MONCKTON, SIR GLADWYN JEBB (BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN PARIS) SIR NORMAN BROOK (SECRETARY OF THE CABINET) SIR IVONE KIRKPATRICK (PERMANENT SECRETARY AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE) AND MR F.A. BISHOP, (PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY TO SIR ANTHONY EDEN).

...READ...M. JOXE

6.46PM.

SUEZ CONSULTATIONS AT NO. 10.

THE FRENCH PREMIER, M. MOLLET, AND FOREIGN MINISTER, M. PINEAU, ARRIVED AT NO. 10 DOWNING STREET FOR THE SUEZ TALKS AT 6.36 THIS EVENING. THEY WERE GREETED BY SIR ANTHONY EDEN, PRIME MINISTER, AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. SELWYN LLOYD.

A LARGE CROWD WHO HAD WAITED OUTSIDE FOR SEVERAL HOURS SURGED FORWARD AND CHEERED AS THEY ARRIVED.

MR. SELWYN LLOYD HAD WALKED TO NO 10 FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE ABOUT TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH STATESMEN.

10.19PM. ADD SUEZ CONSULTATIONS AT NO 10.

MR. MENZIES ARRIVED AT NO TEN DOWNING STREET AT 10.15 TO REPORT TO THE PRIME MINISTER, SIR ANTHONY EDEN, ON HIS TALKS WITH COLONEL NASSER ON THE SUEZ ISSUE.

A CROWD OF ABOUT 300 PEOPLE WHICH HAD BEEN WAITING SINCE EARLY EVENING TO SEE HIM ARRIVE CHEERED LOUDLY AS HIS CAR DREW UP.

HE WAS GREETED BY SIR ANTHONY EDEN AND BEFORE THEY WENT INSIDE BOTH WAVED AND SMILED AT THE CROWD.

10.21PM.

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MENZIES SPEECH.

"AND THE ANSWER TO OUR PROPOSALS ~~AFTER LONG ARGUMENTS-~~ DETAILED ARGUMENTS, ARGUMENTS TO AND FRO' THE ANSWER IS THAT EGYPT WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ~~ANY~~ PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE CANAL ISSUE WHICH DOESN'T LEAVE EGYPT THE SOLE AND UNDISPUTED MASTER OF THE WHOLE OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE CANAL SUBJECT ONLY TO THE 1888 CONVENTION WHICH IN A BROAD WAY GUARANTEES THE FREEDOM OF TRAFFIC - THE FREEDOM OF COURSE WHICH COULD BE SET ON ONE SIDE WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE BY POLITICAL MANAGEMENT. THE POLITICAL MANAGEMENT WHICH WE SOUGHT TO AVOID BY HAVING A GUARANTEED NON-POLITICAL MANAGEMENT.