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COUNTRY WEST GERMANY/EGYPT/FRANCE	PLACE ACQUIRED GERMANY, FRANKFURT	
SUBJECT HEUSINGER'S VIEWS ON SUEZ QUESTION.		

DATE OF INFORMATION
EARLY SEPTEMBER 1956

APPRAISAL OF CONTENT (TENTATIVE)
2 (THAT HEUSINGER EXPRESSED THESE VIEWS)

SOURCE (EVALUATION DEFINITIVE)
WELL PLACED SOURCE WHO RECENTLY TALKED WITH HEUSINGER (B).

REFERENCES

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SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828
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DATE 2006

1. LT. GEN. ADOIF HEUSINGER, LEADING MILITARY ADVISER OF THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT, IS CONVINCED THAT ABD EL-NASSER WILL NEVER ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE 18-NATION CONFERENCE ON THE SUEZ QUESTION. HE IS ALSO CONVINCED THAT THE BRITISH AND FRENCH WILL NOT RESORT TO THE USE OF FORCE; HE BELIEVES THAT IT IS NOW TOO LATE TO USE FORCE, AND SAYS THE BRITISH AND FRENCH SHOULD HAVE PARACHUTED TROOPS INTO THE AREA AND SEIZED THE CANAL AS SOON AS THE TROUBLE STARTED, AND THINKS THIS WOULD HAVE PREVENTED ALL THE DIFFICULTIES.

2. HEUSINGER CONSIDERS THE SUEZ CRISIS MORE ACUTE EVEN THAN THE KOREAN WAR, BUT SAYS THAT AN EXCLUSIVELY POLITICAL SOLUTION MUST NOW BE FOUND. THE BRITISH AND FRENCH, HE SAYS, REALIZE THAT THE USE OF FORCE WOULD LEAD NASSER TO BLOW UP THE CANAL AND WOULD CAUSE THE ARAB NATIONS TO BAND TOGETHER TO BLOCK THE SHIPMENT OF OIL; OBVIOUSLY NEITHER GREAT BRITAIN NOR FRANCE IS WILLING TO TAKE THIS RISK. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FRENCH GENERAL ELY TOLD HEUSINGER THAT HE FEARED THAT FAILURE TO ACHIEVE A

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SETTLEMENT OF THE SUEZ QUESTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF ALGERIA BY FRANCE.

3. HEUSINGER REMARKED THAT IT IS CLEAR THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL COME TO EGYPT'S AID IF HOSTILITIES OCCUR. IF NASSER SHOULD WIN, HEUSINGER IS CONVINCED THE EFFECT WOULD BE TO UNITE THE ARAB WORLD, WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT IN A SHORT TIME ISRAEL WOULD BE ELIMINATED FROM THE NEAR EASTERN PICTURE.

4. HEUSINGER COMPARED NASSER TO HITLER, STATING THAT A DICTATOR ALWAYS HAS THE UPPER HAND IN SITUATIONS OF THIS KIND: THE DEMOCRACIES MUST CONSULT, NEGOTIATE, AND GAIN THE SUPPORT OF PUBLIC OPINION BEFORE THEY CAN ACT, AND THEN IT IS USUALLY TOO LATE.

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