

Telegram from the Foreign Office to the British Embassy in Paris on the Suez Crisis (28 August 1956)

Caption: On 28 August 1956, the Foreign Office in London sends a telegram to the British Embassy in Paris in which it recommends that, when speaking to French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau, British diplomats should inform him of the advantage of also holding discussions on the Suez issue in the Western European Union (WEU) Permanent Council. The Foreign Office considers the WEU forum to be a more intimate setting that would allow for franker speaking.

Source: The National Archives of the UK (TNA). Foreign Office, Political Departments: General Correspondence from 1906-1966. AFRICA (J): Egypt (JE). Suez dispute: referral to UN Security Council; action by international bodies. 09/08/1956-04/09/1956, FO 371/119174.

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My immediately preceding telegram: Suez.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ When speaking to M. Pineau

please inform him that I think there will be

considerable advantage in a similar discussion

beforehand in the W.E.U. Permanent Council.

M. Spaak personally takes a very sound line on

this. The more intimate W.E.U. meeting would

enable us to mobilise his support, especially

against a possible meeting of the U.N. Security

Council, but also at the proposed North Atlantic

Council meeting. Moreover, the W.E.U. forum is

more intimate and would allow for franker speaking.

I should be glad of M. Pineau's views on this.

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Addressed to Paris telegram No. 1495 of August 28.

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My immediately preceding telegram: Suez.

When speaking to M. Pineau please inform him that I think there will be considerable advantage in a similar discussion beforehand in the W.E.U. Permanent Council. M. Spaak personally takes a very sound line on the implications of the Suez issue. The more intimate W.E.U. meeting would enable us to mobilise his support, especially if there is a meeting of the United Nations Security Council, and also at the proposed North Atlantic Council meeting. Moreover, the W.E.U. forum is more intimate and would allow for franker speaking. I should be glad of M. Pineau's views on this.

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