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*United States Minutes of Meeting, Washington, The White House
(Cabinet Room), January 8, 1952, 11 a. m. ¹*

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Present:

U.S.

The President
Mr. Short
Mr. Murphy
Mr. Lloyd
Secretary Acheson
Mr. Matthews
Mr. Perkins
Ambassador Gifford
Mr. Bohlen
Mr. Knight
Mr. Berry
Mr. Allison
Secretary Lovett
General Bradley
Admiral Fechteler
Secretary Snyder
Mr. Willis
Mr. Harriman

U.K.

Prime Minister Churchill
Mr. Eden
Lord Cherwell
Lord Ismay
Ambassador Franks
Sir Norman Brook
Sir Roger Makins
Mr. Shuckburgh
Mr. Leishman
Mr. Colville
Mr. Pitblado
Mr. Gore-Booth
Mr. Mallaby
Field Marshal Sir William Slim
Admiral Sir Roderick McGrigor
Air Marshal Sir William Elliott
Sir Kenneth McLean
Mr. Burrows
Mr. Tomlinson

1. *Middle East Command*

At the President's invitation Mr. Churchill opened the discussion.

Mr. Churchill said that he wanted to make clear the current position of the UK in the Middle East. This position has been deeply altered by the disappearance of the Indian Army as a British military instrument as a result of Indian independence. Of course, UK communications with Australia and New Zealand remain always possible around the Cape but this is a long and inefficient route.

¹ These minutes were drafted by Knight on Jan. 9. This meeting was the third in a series of four held by the President and the Prime Minister on Jan. 7 and 8. A joint communiqué by the two leaders, giving a brief account of the meetings, was issued as a press release by the White House on Jan. 9. (Department of State Bulletin, Jan. 14, 1952, p. 83) For further documentation on Prime Minister Churchill's visit, see volume vi, Part 1.