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THE SUEZ CRISIS:

A study in press performance

by Harold Evans

WORK SHEETS

Seven work sheets are included to illustrate the method and present the most important final figures of the study.

Master Sheet 1 and 2

These assemble the results of the daily check lists in the most important categories. For each day, each paper, and each category, there is a possible score of facts - and the result the individual newspaper achieved. These scores are totalled at the end and set alongside are the total number of non-factual units in that category for that newspaper. This enables the newspaper's daily and total reporting of the facts to be compared at a glance with the space given to non-factual material in the news columns.

November 2nd Check List

These three sheets are the factual check list prepared and marked for November 2nd. There were similar check lists for the twenty days of the study. The facts are set out on the left and the newspapers which reported them are credited with a tick. (See Chapter 4 and Appendix II)

Theme List

These two sheets are the theme list prepared and marked for the third period of the study, November 8th and beyond. The themes generally prevalent throughout the crisis are on the left. The figures in the columns represent the occasions the newspapers conveyed this theme, without attribution, in the news columns (i.e. non-factually). (See Chapter 4 and Appendix II)

MASTER SHEET (2)

OCTOBER NOVEMBER NOVEMBER
 30th 31st 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th
 POSSIBLE TOTAL SCORE (FACTS) SCORE NON FACTOR UNITS

7. APPROVAL U.S. POLICY

Possible: 1 1 2 7 1 NIL 3 2 1 NIL 2 2 NIL NIL 2 2 1 2 3 1 33

Actual score: 9 13 4 9 19 4 5 16 2 0 2

San Francisco Chronicle	/	/	1	3	1	/	/	/	1	/	/	2	/	/	/	1	/	/	9	1
San Francisco Examiner	/	1	1	4	1	/	/	/	/	/	1	2	/	/	1	1	/	/	13	11
San Francisco News	/	/	1	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	1
Denver Post	/	/	1	1	1	/	/	/	/	/	1	2	/	1	1	1	/	/	9	10
Philadelphia Inquirer	1	1	/	4	1	/	/	2	1	/	2	/	1	1	1	2	2	/	19	2
Wall street Journal	1	/	/	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	NIL
Quincy Herald Whig	/	/	/	1	1	/	/	1	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	5	1
Chicago Tribune	1	1	1	3	1	/	1	/	/	/	1	1	/	2	1	1	1	/	16	19
Time magazine	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	18
Newsweek	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	NIL	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	0	5
U.S. News and World Report	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	2	NIL

8. CRITICAL U.S. POLICY

Possible: 2 6 11 17 10 12 2 10 NIL NIL 2 NIL NIL NIL 5 3 2 1 83

Actual: 28 19 21 26 25 9 13 39 0 2 9

San Francisco Chronicle	1	4	3	11	3	1	/	4	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	28	NIL
San Francisco Examiner	1	1	5	4	4	2	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	19	4
San Francisco News	1	1	7	7	1	/	3	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	21	2
Denver Post	/	3	4	10	5	2	/	/	NIL	NIL	/	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	/	1	NIL	26	11
Philadelphia Inquirer	2	2	2	3	3	4	2	3	NIL	NIL	/	1	/	2	/	1	NIL	NIL	25	NIL
Wall street Journal	1	2	1	1	/	/	2	/	/	/	1	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	9	NIL
Quincy Herald Whig	1	1	/	3	3	3	/	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	13	NIL
Chicago Tribune	2	3	5	10	7	5	1	4	/	/	/	/	1	1	/	/	/	/	39	1
Time magazine	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	0	3
Newsweek	/	/	/	1	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	3
U.S. News & World Report	/	/	9	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	9	NIL

9. MILITARY ACTION HUMANE

Possible: 11 9 8 9 4 7 8 5 6 4 7 2 NIL 1 NIL 3 1 85

Actual: 14 14 14 3 15 5 4 24 14 8 2

San Francisco Chronicle	/	/	6	1	/	2	2	1	/	1	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	14	6
San Francisco Examiner	/	3	5	/	1	/	1	1	1	1	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	14	NIL
San Francisco News	/	4	2	/	2	1	1	/	2	2	/	/	/	2	/	/	/	/	14	2
Denver Post	/	/	1	/	/	1	/	1	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	3
Philadelphia Inquirer	/	5	3	1	/	1	/	1	1	/	2	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	15	1
Wall Street Journal	/	3	1	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	5	NIL
Quincy Herald Whig	/	1	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	1
Chicago Tribune	/	5	4	1	1	2	/	2	2	1	2	3	/	/	/	1	/	/	24	9
Time magazine	/	2	5	1	2	1	/	1	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	14	2
Newsweek	/	1	/	2	/	/	3	1	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	7
U.S. News & World Report	/	1	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	NIL

10. MILITARY ACTION INHUMANE

Possible: NIL NIL 4 8 6 6 5 4 4 3 1 1 8 NIL NIL 2 NIL NIL 1 3 56

Actual: 16 22 5 10 18 4 10 23 0 1 2

San Francisco Chronicle	2	1	4	/	1	2	1	2	/	1	/	/	/	2	/	/	/	/	16	25
San Francisco Examiner	2	2	1	5	/	1	/	2	/	6	/	/	/	3	/	/	/	/	22	35
San Francisco News	2	1	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	5	18
Denver Post	1	2	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	/	1	/	10	/	/	/	/	10	22
Philadelphia Inquirer	1	4	2	1	2	2	1	1	/	1	/	/	/	3	/	/	/	/	18	3
Wall street Journal	2	1	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	/	/	/	/	4	NIL
Quincy Herald Whig	1	3	1	/	/	/	/	1	/	3	/	1	/	10	/	/	/	/	10	3
Chicago Tribune	3	2	2	2	4	2	1	2	/	3	/	/	/	23	/	/	/	/	23	25
Time magazine	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	NIL	/	/	/	0	/	/	/	/	0	29
Newsweek	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	1	28
U.S. News and World Report	/	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	/	/	/	/	2	NIL

11. CANAL: BLOCKAGE: BRITAIN TO BLAME

Possible: NIL NIL NIL 4 1 NIL 2 NIL NIL 1 NIL NIL NIL 1 NIL NIL NIL 1 NIL 10

Actual: 2 5 4 2 4 1 4 6 1 1

San Francisco Chronicle	/	1	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	/	/	/	/	2	7
San Francisco Examiner	/	2	1	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	5	/	/	/	1	5	1
San Francisco News	/	2	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	/	/	/	4	NIL	
Denver Post	/	1	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	/	/	/	2	7	
Philadelphia Inquirer	/	1	1	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	/	/	/	4	5	
Wall street Journal	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	1	2	
Quincy Herald Whig	/	2	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	/	/	/	4	1	
Chicago Tribune	/	3	1	/	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	6	/	/	/	6	3	
Time magazine	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	1	2	
Newsweek	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	NIL	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	1	NIL	
U.S. News & World Report	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	NIL	/	/	/	1	/	/	/	1	NIL	

12. CANAL BLOCKAGE: EGYPT TO BLAME

Possible: NIL NIL NIL 2 4 3 1 2 1 2 NIL 3 2 3 1 4 3 1 2 NIL 34

Actual: 8 8 8 2 7 2 7 9 8 13 2

San Francisco Chronicle	/	1	1	/	/	1	/	1	/	1	/	/	2	/	/	/	/	/	8	2
San Francisco Examiner	/	1	2	1	1	/	/	/	/	2	/	/	1	8	/	/	/	1	8	1
San Francisco News	/	/	1	/	/	1	2	/	/	1	/	/	2	8	/	/	/	8	1	
Denver Post	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	/	1	/	1	2	2	/	/	/	2	4	
Philadelphia Inquirer	/	2	1	/	1	/	/	1	/	1	/	1	7	/	/	/	/	7	5	
Wall street Journal	/	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	2	/	/	/	2	1	
Quincy Herald Whig	/	/	1	1	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	1	7	/	/	2	/	7	5	
Chicago Tribune	/	2	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	2	/	9	/	/	/	/	9	20	
Time magazine	/	/	1	/	/	1	1	/	1	2	1	1	8	/	/	/	/	8	3	
Newsweek	/	1	2	/	/	1	1	2	/	1	2	2	13	/	/	/	/	13	3	
U.S. News and World Report	/	1	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	/	/	/	/	2	NIL	

30th 31st 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th
 OCTOBER NOVEMBER NOVEMBER

OTHER DILEMMA

1. OBJECTIVES: Official

- a) Eden, Commons: Not seeking impose by force solution to Egypt/Israeli dispute or dispute over Suez canal
- b) Eden, Commons: Our aim to stop hostilities, prevent resumption, safeguard canal traffic - essentially police action
- c) Eden: War would have spread but for intervention
- d) Eden: Lesson of Munich, avoid great wars by acting to prevent small wars
- e) Lord Chancellor, Lords: Aim to protect British nationals, ships, canal installations
- f) Lord Chancellor, Lords: US wrong to think "colonialism": It is anti-Communist
- g) Menzies, Australia: Intervention to prevent conflagration, police canal
- h) Dixon for Britain, UN: Intervention to prevent E/I war leading to conflagration
- i) Dixon, UN: U.S. motion would not achieve twin objectives - separating combatants, at once and safeguarding passage for ships
- j) War Office, London: Our aim limited to reoccupying old British bases
- k) Dixon, UN: Only want to stay at Suez long enough protect canal from war

2. OBJECTIVES: Hostile

- a) Nasser, Cairo: Britain, as always, conspiring to dominate Egypt
- b) Pakistan, President Muslim League: Suez reoccupation is British aim
- c) Nehru, India: Britain not defending canal because first result of invasion is stoppage of traffic
- d) China, statement: Invasion by Israel being used as pretext to seize Suez again
- e) Russian delegate, UN: Britain & France aim to reestablish colonial domination

3. CONSPIRACY THEMES

- a) Egypt, UN: B.F. & Israel agreed in advance fight Egypt
- b) Nasser, Cairo radio: British trying destroy Egyptian planes to help Israel
- c) Nasser, Cairo radio: Britain and France have "ally" in Israelis
- d) Nasser: British, French, Israel air forces co-operating against E. air force
- e) Nasser & Egypt communique: F. squadrons helping Israelis in Sinai attacks
- f) Senator George, U.S.: Israelis have been encouraged by Britain & France
- g) King of Jordan: B. and F. "supported & incited" Israel
- h) Soviet delegate, UN: B.F. and I. aggression according to previous B.F. plans
- i) Libya Premier: Israel's treacherous aggression "with imperialist conspiracy"
- l) New Zealand Premier: We were not consulted before intervention
- m) Egypt, UN: B.F. planes operating from Israeli airfields
- n) Yates, Cons M.P.: Been in France & conclude Govt. in "international conspiracy"
- o) Ceylon Prime Minister: "Strange coincidence" of Israeli & B and F. attacks

4. COUNTER CONSPIRACY

- a) British delegate, UN: "Absurd & completely false talk of B-F-I plot"
- b) British delegate, UN: Israeli attack 'violation of armistice'
- c) Menzies: "No time" to consult Commonwealth beforehand
- d) Eden, Commons: B.F. would welcome UN take over after E-I separated
- e) Eden, Commons: Would welcome participation other nations in settlement
- f) Foreign Office spokesman: Suggestions concerting mil. action with I. false
- g) Foreign Office spokesman: Mil. aims B and F. entirely distinct from Israel's

5. FAVOURABLE TO BRITAIN, FRANCE (or ISRAEL)

- a) Eden, Commons: Do not intend to stay one moment longer than necessary
- a) War Minister, Commons: Original offer to Egypt remains open at any time
- b) UN, British delegate: US motion would leave Mid-East in dangerous pre-crisis situation
- c) UN, "": Situation nearly out of control - what use a Security Council injunction?
- d) UN, Britain: Suggested conference to solve Middle-East problems
- e) UN, Britain: Willing hand over physical tasks of keeping peace to U.N.
- f) UN, Britain: U.S. would have fought in Korea in 1950 even if blocked by veto
- g) UN, Britain: Soviet veto would have prevented UN from agreement - hence police action
- h) UN, Britain: This is not aggression, but purely temporary police action
- i) Eden, Commons: Not at war with Egypt - "state of armed conflict". Compare Korea
- j) Eden: Complied with Hague convention of 1907 by ultimatum before attack
- k) Eden: Would should remember fate of Britons in Cairo massacre at time of Abadan
- l) Eden: Britain vetoed UN censure of Israel because unjustified. Egypt provocative.
- m) Eden: Colonialism? Charge fails in light of Suez-Sudan evacuations
- n) Eden: UN not equal to legal system - B. and F. had the forces available
- o) Eden: Need for economic aid for Middle East
- p) Britain: Government won majorities 69, 68, 67 for policy; 82:30 in Lords
- q) R.A. Butler, Commons: Once US fully understands motives, will take more benient view
- r) Menzies, Australia: Nasser has been hostile to Israel's existence
- s) Menzies: U.S. should try and understand the pressures on Britain and France
- t) Menzies: UN failed secure Suez passage for Israeli ships: show UN can be useless
- u) New Zealand Premier: Situation "disturbing" but full confidence in B's intentions
- v) Nehru: Recalled liberal gestures of Britain in past (which made sorrow more now)
- w) Eisenhower: Despite differences, alliance would grow to new and greater strength
- x) UN, Israeli delegate: Aggression for 8 years - against Israel by Egypt
- y) UN, Israel: Would not do to go back to outdated crumbling armistice
- z) Lord Chancellor: Disagreed with US at moment but keen on co-operation
- A) Dulles: UN Assembly can only recommend action
- B) Eden: In our responsibility and with full information, intervention "only action"
- C) Foreign Office: Denied that before fighting any progress on Suez canal dispute
- D) British delegate, UN: US acted before UN taking in Korea and always called it police action.
- E) British delegate: Procedure to recall Assembly improperly invoked

6. UNFAVOURABLE TO BRITAIN, FRANCE, ISRAEL

- a) Nehru sent sympathy message to Nasser:
- b) Nehru: Letter to Eisenhower: B. and F. actions worse than Israel's
- c) Nehru: B. gone back to predatory methods. Clear and naked aggression
- d) Capetown (Reuter, AP): All newspapers, English & Afrikaans, critical of Britain
- e) Syria Government announced support of Egypt
- f) Moscow: Need for new Bandung conference to discuss British aggression
- g) Commons, Britain: Opposition censure motion said intervention affronted UN, US alliance, Commonwealth and many British people.....

	SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE	SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER	SAN FRANCISCO NEWS	DENVER POST	PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER	WALL STREET JOURNAL	QUINCY HERALD WHIG	CHICAGO TRIBUNE	TIME	NEWSWEEK	U.S. NEWS + WORLD REPORT
a) Eden, Commons: Not seeking impose by force solution to Egypt/Israeli dispute or dispute over Suez canal				✓				✓			✓
b) Eden, Commons: Our aim to stop hostilities, prevent resumption, safeguard canal traffic - essentially police action	✓				✓			✓			
c) Eden: War would have spread but for intervention								✓		✓14	
d) Eden: Lesson of Munich, avoid great wars by acting to prevent small wars	✓	✓			✓					✓14	✓
e) Lord Chancellor, Lords: Aim to protect British nationals, ships, canal installations								✓			
f) Lord Chancellor, Lords: US wrong to think "colonialism": It is anti-Communist											
g) Menzies, Australia: Intervention to prevent conflagration, police canal								✓			
h) Dixon for Britain, UN: Intervention to prevent E/I war leading to conflagration								✓			
i) Dixon, UN: U.S. motion would not achieve twin objectives - separating combatants, at once and safeguarding passage for ships				✓							
j) War Office, London: Our aim limited to reoccupying old British bases		✓			✓						
k) Dixon, UN: Only want to stay at Suez long enough protect canal from war											
a) Nasser, Cairo: Britain, as always, conspiring to dominate Egypt						✓2	✓3		✓28		
b) Pakistan, President Muslim League: Suez reoccupation is British aim											
c) Nehru, India: Britain not defending canal because first result of invasion is stoppage of traffic											
d) China, statement: Invasion by Israel being used as pretext to seize Suez again											
e) Russian delegate, UN: Britain & France aim to reestablish colonial domination											
a) Egypt, UN: B.F. & Israel agreed in advance fight Egypt									✓		
b) Nasser, Cairo radio: British trying destroy Egyptian planes to help Israel											✓
c) Nasser, Cairo radio: Britain and France have "ally" in Israelis											✓
d) Nasser: British, French, Israel air forces co-operating against E. air force	✓							✓			✓
e) Nasser & Egypt communique: F. squadrons helping Israelis in Sinai attacks								✓			✓
f) Senator George, U.S.: Israelis have been encouraged by Britain & France											✓
g) King of Jordan: B. and F. "supported & incited" Israel											✓
h) Soviet delegate, UN: B.F. and I. aggression according to previous B.F. plans											✓
i) Libya Premier: Israel's treacherous aggression "with imperialist conspiracy"											✓
l) New Zealand Premier: We were not consulted before intervention											✓
m) Egypt, UN: B.F. planes operating from Israeli airfields											✓
n) Yates, Cons M.P.: Been in France & conclude Govt. in "international conspiracy"											✓
o) Ceylon Prime Minister: "Strange coincidence" of Israeli & B and F. attacks											✓
a) British delegate, UN: "Absurd & completely false talk of B-F-I plot"									✓15		
b) British delegate, UN: Israeli attack 'violation of armistice'						✓					
c) Menzies: "No time" to consult Commonwealth beforehand											
d) Eden, Commons: B.F. would welcome UN take over after E-I separated		✓	✓2	✓12	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
e) Eden, Commons: Would welcome participation other nations in settlement	✓	✓			✓	✓					
f) Foreign Office spokesman: Suggestions concerting mil. action with I. false					✓						
g) Foreign Office spokesman: Mil. aims B and F. entirely distinct from Israel's		✓			✓						✓8
a) Eden, Commons: Do not intend to stay one moment longer than necessary	✓	✓			✓						✓
a) War Minister, Commons: Original offer to Egypt remains open at any time											✓
b) UN, British delegate: US motion would leave Mid-East in dangerous pre-crisis situation	✓	✓				✓					
c) UN, "": Situation nearly out of control - what use a Security Council injunction?											
d) UN, Britain: Suggested conference to solve Middle-East problems											
e) UN, Britain: Willing hand over physical tasks of keeping peace to U.N.											
f) UN, Britain: U.S. would have fought in Korea in 1950 even if blocked by veto					✓						
g) UN, Britain: Soviet veto would have prevented UN from agreement - hence police action								✓			
h) UN, Britain: This is not aggression, but purely temporary police action	✓	✓		✓4		✓				✓11	
i) Eden, Commons: Not at war with Egypt - "state of armed conflict". Compare Korea						✓		✓			✓
j) Eden: Complied with Hague convention of 1907 by ultimatum before attack											
k) Eden: Would should remember fate of Britons in Cairo massacre at time of Abadan											
l) Eden: Britain vetoed UN censure of Israel because unjustified. Egypt provocative.											
m) Eden: Colonialism? Charge fails in light of Suez-Sudan evacuations											
n) Eden: UN not equal to legal system - B. and F. had the forces available	✓					✓			✓24		
o) Eden: Need for economic aid for Middle East											
p) Britain: Government won majorities 69, 68, 67 for policy; 82:30 in Lords	✓4	✓	✓5	✓1	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓5
q) R.A. Butler, Commons: Once US fully understands motives, will take more benient view											
r) Menzies, Australia: Nasser has been hostile to Israel's existence											
s) Menzies: U.S. should try and understand the pressures on Britain and France								✓1			
t) Menzies: UN failed secure Suez passage for Israeli ships: show UN can be useless								✓1			
u) New Zealand Premier: Situation "disturbing" but full confidence in B's intentions								✓1		✓	
v) Nehru: Recalled liberal gestures of Britain in past (which made sorrow more now)											
w) Eisenhower: Despite differences, alliance would grow to new and greater strength	✓7	✓			✓	✓		✓			
x) UN, Israeli delegate: Aggression for 8 years - against Israel by Egypt	✓							✓6			
y) UN, Israel: Would not do to go back to outdated crumbling armistice	✓										
z) Lord Chancellor: Disagreed with US at moment but keen on co-operation											
A) Dulles: UN Assembly can only recommend action		✓									
B) Eden: In our responsibility and with full information, intervention "only action"											
C) Foreign Office: Denied that before fighting any progress on Suez canal dispute											
D) British delegate, UN: US acted before UN taking in Korea and always called it police action.											
E) British delegate: Procedure to recall Assembly improperly invoked			✓								
a) Nehru sent sympathy message to Nasser:											
b) Nehru: Letter to Eisenhower: B. and F. actions worse than Israel's											✓17
c) Nehru: B. gone back to predatory methods. Clear and naked aggression								✓	✓23		
d) Capetown (Reuter, AP): All newspapers, English & Afrikaans, critical of Britain											✓17
e) Syria Government announced support of Egypt						✓		✓			
f) Moscow: Need for new Bandung conference to discuss British aggression	✓	✓	✓	✓1	✓	✓		✓			
g) Commons, Britain: Opposition censure motion said intervention affronted UN, US alliance, Commonwealth and many British people.....	✓	✓	✓	✓1	✓		✓2	✓			✓

6. UNFAVOURABLE TO BRITAIN, FRANCE, ISRAEL (Continued)

h) Bevan, Commons: No semblance legal justification: For God's sake, get out.								✓ ^{5/4}	✓			
i) Bevan: Argument of lynchers to say because UN weak we take law into our own hands									✓ ¹⁸	✓ ¹³	✓	
j) Bevan: Intervention has stained Britain's reputation												✓
k) Australian Opposition in Parliament: B. F. violating United Nations												✓
l) Australian Opposition: Will oppose any Australian aid in Suez fighting												✓
m) Egypt breaks off diplomatic relations with Britain - London & Nasser announcement	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓			
n) Adlai Stevenson, U.S.: Would not condone use of force even by our friends	✓				✓			✓	✓			✓
o) Eisenhower: Cannot condone armed aggression no matter who the attacker or victim	✓	✓			✓			✓	✓ ³			✓
p) Archbishop of Canterbury: Christian opinion uneasy. Should ask Israel withdraw	✓ ⁵									✓ ^{2/28}		
q) National Council of Labour said British people shocked by intervention	✓ ⁶				✓ ⁶			✓	✓			✓
r) Liberal Party: Intervention wrong even if succeeds: Blow to UN & Commonwealth												✓
s) Jordan announces cutting relations with France	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
t) Jordan announces: Relations with Britain 'being considered'	✓	✓										
u) Jordan: Use of bases barred by Govt. for attacks against Arabs	✓	✓						✓				✓
v) UN decided that crisis should be discussed in Assembly: 62-2,7 abstentions			✓		✓							
w) Egypt in UN: 1888 Convention gives Egypt alone right to defend the canal										✓		
x) Egypt, UN: If Britain wants peace, why veto here cease fire resolution?										✓		
y) Egypt, UN: Temporary action? Britain said 1882 occupation was temporary					✓					✓		
z) Egypt, UN: Public opinion in UK far from approves Eden policy												
A) US, in UN: Policy appraised in highest quarters but despite ties with Britain, France and Israel U.S. could not accept the use of force	✓	✓					✓					
B) US, in UN: US motion proposes cease fire for all parties; Israeli withdrawal; prohibition on military goods; end of raids; free navigation of Suez canal	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓		✓ ⁴
C) Dulles: "violent" armed attack by BFI "grave error" inconsistent with UN principle	✓	✓								✓		
D) Dulles (UN): Provocations serious but force not justified	✓	✓					✓			✓		
E) Nasser, Cairo: Israel accepted cease fire - it left her, the aggressor, within ten miles of the canal												✓
F) France: Pro-regime newspaper questioned the policy of intervention (Reuter, AP):												✓
G) Labour Opposition in Britain angry - Speaker suspends Commons sitting	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓ ⁴	✓	✓	✓	✓
H) Senator George, U.S.: Britain & F. virtually withdrawn from NATO: "mean"				✓ ^{8/11}	✓			✓				✓
I) Canada, Premier: No decision yet whether to support Britain and France												✓
J) Shepilov for Russia: War should end first, then troops withdrawn. Britain & France "gangsterism".	✓						✓					
K) Dulles: Unless stop what started in Mid-east might spread - other nations using as a pretext	✓	✓									✓	
L) Dulles: Before fighting progress British-French-Egypt agreement on Suez canal												
M) Ceylon, Premier: Britain & France no justification. Ceylon bases barred										✓ ²	✓ ¹⁷	✓ ¹²
N) Pakistan, Premier: Depreciated use of force in solving differences										✓ ^{9/5/7}		
Other hostile attributed statements or events:		✓ ^{4/6}	✓ ^{6/7}	✓ ⁷			✓ ³	✓ ¹				✓ ¹⁴

7. APPROVAL U.S. POLICY

a) Menzies, Australian Premier: Profound respect for Eisenhower and Dulles' attempts to keep the peace in Suez crisis												
b) Eisenhower: Despite strident voices of those seeking to turn world events to political profit, proud of his stand in middle east	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ³		
c) Dewey: Situation shows need of Eisenhower "foremost leader in world for peace and justice"												
d) Nixon: Eisenhower's stand on Suez represents U.S. at its best: No double standard	✓	✓					✓			✓		
e) Eisenhower (Philadelphia): "U.S. policy receiving proud, spirited, bipartisan support in the crisis."	✓	✓					✓	✓		✓ ³		
f) Nixon: Shocking of Adlai Stevenson to criticize US policy without being constructive		✓					✓					
g) Yugoslav envoy, Brileg: U.S. prestige will soar..action "unforgettable" for peace				✓ ⁵								

7. CRITICISM U.S. POLICY

a) Kefauver (Rhode Island): Eisenhower policy to blame for split with B & F.												
b) Adlai Stevenson: Crisis direct outcome of Eisenhower policy provoking and appeasing Egypt. Policy at a dead end.	✓ ²	✓ ⁵	✓	✓	✓ ¹		✓	✓	✓ ³			✓
c) Stevenson: Should have helped Israel with arms and territorial guarantees, and put in UN force.	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓
d) Stevenson: Blunders climax finds U.S. with Russia and a dictator, against the democracies of Britain, France and Israel	✓ ¹		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓
e) Stevenson: U.S. built up Nasser and pressured Britain to leave Suez base	✓				✓				✓			✓
f) Stevenson: Dulles behind Baghdad pact which caused trouble & offended Nasser	✓				✓				✓			✓
g) Stevenson: When at last became clear Nasser was enemy of peace, Dulles withdrew aid for Aswan Dam	✓				✓				✓			✓
h) Kefauver: Admin. had contributed directly to rise of Nasser												
i) Kefauver: Admin. allowed Russia to gain foothold in middle east & divide US from allies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			
j) Kefauver: Administration thought oil more important than middle east people	✓											
k) Canada in UN: US motion inadequate to achieve purpose - needed UN peace force				✓ ⁴								
l) Lord Astor: U.S. ambassador in Cairo anti-British												
m) Evans, MP. Britain: U.S. oil rivalry is reason for not getting fair play from US												
n) Governor Harriman, New York: "lack of confidence" shown in U.S. by allies												
o) Adlai Stevenson (new speech): Mistake after mistake in U.S. policy	✓	✓	✓ ¹³	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓
p) Stevenson: Have given Soviet 2 victories in Mideast, broken Western alliance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓ ³		✓	✓
q) " : No one going back to pre-crisis situation when event had done stimulation of alliance, eg Israel	✓				✓		✓		✓	✓		✓

8. MILITARY ACTION HUMANE

a) British communique: Military airfields bombed	✓	✓ ³		✓ ³	✓	✓			✓	✓ ⁶		✓ ⁴
b) British communique: Much care taken to avoid civilian casualties in bombing												
c) British communique: Delayed action bombs used to help personnel escape								✓				
d) C in C, Cyprus: Aim to achieve only military objectives with minimum of casualties, to save life and property, both civilian and military		✓							✓	✓ ⁸		

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MILITARY ACTION HUMANE (Continued)

- e) C in C Cyprus, British French forces: Will warn in advance where possible of impending air attack
- f) British communique: Air operations are aimed at neutralizing Egyptian air force
- g) M.Mollet, Paris: We have ordered everything to be done to save lives, on both sides
- h) R.A.F.: Raid on airfield cancelled because of danger to foreigners on the road
- i) Earl of Home: "Gross & barefaced lies that cities bombed: purely military targets".

MILITARY ACTION INHUMANE

- a) Egyptian communique: British & French bombed military academy, mosque, hospital, civil airport & populous Shubra: nine dead
- b) Egyptian communique: B & F raids on Alexandria damaged houses, killed 2 women
- c) Egyptian delegate, UN: 2 air raids on Cairo & remainder in Ismailia, Port Said and Suez
- d) Egyptian delegate, UN: "British C in C said bombing will continue until Egypt sees reason..considerable strength to deal blows"
- e) Bevan, Com ons: Britain bombing helpless people
- f) Australian opposition: B and F. killing innocent people
- g) Gaitskell: Millions shocked in Britain that bombing Egypt in defiance of UN Charter
- h) Soviet delegate, UN: B and F bombing cities - Cairo, Alexandria

CANAL BLOCKAGE: Britain culpable

- a) Egyptian communique: Sinking of ship by B,F blocked canal
- b) Egyptian delegate, UN: No danger to canal before B,F intervention and now it is blocked by them
- c) Egyptian delegate, UN: Britain sank warship in canal, violating 1888 convention allowing free passage even in wartime.
- d) Egyptian communique: Britain sank Egyptian warship Akka while passing through Timsa Lake, stopped navigation

CANAL BLOCKAGE: EGYPT CULPABLE

- a) British & French communique: Denied Egyptian claim that had attempted to block canal
- b) B. and British communique: Egyptian ship being towed into sinking posit on half way down the canal was sunk by B.planes clear of channel

OTHER MILITARY

- a) C in C (for BF): "capable of dealing great blows...hope Egypt will agree to temporary intervention control to save lives
- b) Egyptian statement: B&F raided Egyptian troops crossing canal at several points, esp El Firdan
- c) Admiralty: Egyptian frigate sunk in gulf carrying mines -67 picked up as survivors

GENERAL

- a) Spaak in Moscow: Crisis showed need to solve Suez permanently
- b) Egypt: Proclamation ordered take over of BF property

OTHER FAVOURABLE
OTHER UNFAVOURABLE
(see above in "category")

✓ means fact appeared in newspaper issue of preceding day (usually evening newspaper)

✓² Small letter is footnote

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