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LETTER DATED 24 APRIL 1957 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, RELATING TO THE SUEZ CANAL (ITEM 28 OF THE LIST OF MATTERS OF WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED)

On behalf of the Government of the United States, I request you in your capacity as President of the Security Council to convene a meeting of the Council on Thursday afternoon, 25 April, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, for the purpose of resuming discussion of Item 28 (relating to the Suez Canal) of the list of items of which the Security Council is seized.

During its discussion of this matter last October the Council agreed, by a resolution adopted unanimously on 13 October (S/3675), that any settlement of the Suez question should meet six basic requirements therein set forth.

About a month ago the Government of Egypt indicated the regime which it desired to apply to the Canal traffic when it should be resumed and requested observations thereon by the Government of the United States.

The United States Government was informed that the proposals of the Government of Egypt were likewise communicated to the Secretary-General.

The Canal is now again open to traffic and we have been informed by the Government of Egypt of its intention to make public its declaration on the conditions applicable to transit.

In these circumstances, the Government of the United States believes that the Council should now meet to take note of the situation regarding passage through the Suez Canal.

(Signed) Henry Cabot Lodge

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