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Frankfurter, Justice Felix, 1947.



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Minute of Meeting with Justice Felix Frankfurter

Tuesday, February 18th, 1947

(Strictly Confidential)

I gave Justice Frankfurter a brief resumé of the London talks. He expressed concern over the proposed reference of the whole matter to the United Nations. I said that I was not sure as yet, that they would actually do so, but that in any case we may learn more about their intentions from the statement to be made in Parliament this week. He agreed that if the matter was likely to go to the United Nations, we would have to do our best to prepare.

I then discussed with him the question of securing outstanding legal talent and explained to him the difficulty which had been encountered in trying to select a firm to be approached. He asked to be shown the list of names which had been considered and agreed to give the matter some thought and to advise us. He thought Jessup would not be worth while. I mentioned Owen Roberts and his comment was Roberts would be good as a powerful personality but that he was quite certain that he was not available. The suggestion which came to his own mind was that of Charles E. Hughes, Jr.. I told him the name had been suggested at one time or another but that some doubt had been expressed regarding his caliber. FF disagreed and expressed a very high opinion of him, saying that he was a man who could fill the position of Chief Justice and appeared to be decidedly of the opinion that further consideration be given to that possibility. I promised that Arthur would give him further information regarding other names which had been considered in the past.

I also referred to Sumner Welles in connection with Latin American countries. He fully agreed that Welles stood high with the Latins and wondered whether we should not think of getting him to go to Palestine for a few weeks to get the feel of the situation at first hand. He certainly seemed to think that Welles was an excellent idea.

We discussed General Marshall briefly. I told him about Dr. Silver's interview with him. F.F. said he had no knowledge of the General's attitude on the Zionist question, but he entertained a very high opinion of him. He thought he was one of the few great men to emerge from the war - a man of great probity and integrity, and possessed of an excellent mind. He was very much interested to learn of the statement which ~~Arthur~~ <sup>Marshall</sup> had made to Dr. Silver.

He asked what was going to happen in Palestine, to which I could not give a very definite reply. He felt rather discouraged by this situation feeling that we were in the worst position we had ever been, throughout the whole period.