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Memorandum of talk with Willkie, 1942.

Tuesday - Dec. 15. 11 AM. - 11:50 AM. W.W.

1) How does he see up situation? State Dept. against you -
all its deft. refs. in Middle East. - convinced of it -
strong & solid position of Mr. Gant. -

Why Am. Govt. opposition? Line & policy is strong Anglo-
Am. coalition - direct experience - fact - long & part was
world reconstruction - under diff. matters
West. Hemisphere U.S. not likely to oppose S. B.

(W.W. opposed to Anglo-S. coalition, which Soviet, China
Middle East etc. are not integral, initial part).

2) How does U.S. encourage solving post-war problems!
Govt. vague on this - instead might everywhere - and
negotiations to other hands.
G.B. will not join any major negotiation with P. -
U.S. "not imp. it."

W.W. regards possibility of Jews in Europe to carry on
as before "unrealistic" - Told Arthur Solzberger that -

3) State Dept. working with us. Letting us down very
so is F.D.R. - will express sympathies as far as possible etc.

4) What to do? Put State Dept. on spot! Bring it out
into open. Make them talk. Must know where you
stand.

5) Regards large uninv. with P. as reasonable + just.
Every other one, too, uninv. will create factions.
Caution of extremists - "All Jews" must go to P.

Mustard J. Avery - Handle for Deponent

- 6/ Is worried abt Dorian affair. - Proved her 1-2 yrs.
Very dishonest abt drift. Trans. isolationism may
have been right. - Journey home with F.B. is no
way to win war. First steps lead to others.
Deponent's to know -
- 7/ Wd so sure abt. Churchill this time sympathizes
either.
- 8/ Hard road ahead. - Whether U.S. or F.B. is with us.
- 9/ Complains of censor. No press. speech, no criticism
[F.B. in a Post. - can go thru -
- 10/ Willing to be helpful.
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Memorandum of a conversation with Mr. Wendell
Willkie on Tuesday morning, December 15, 1942
11 a.m. in Mr. Willkie's office -- 15 Broad Street
New York, N.Y.

