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SMITH: Now Prime Minister Khrushchev visited Egypt recently on a much publicized visit and some reporters said it amounted to a Soviet go-ahead to Egypt to attack Israel. Do you place any such interpretation on it?

ESHKOL: I would say it's too far-reaching formulation. I am personally inclined to think or when I listened to the Prime Minister Khrushchev's words I thought this time he used much milder language towards Israel. So then I'm not inclined to think that he is kind of suggesting to Nasser to attack Israel.

SMITH: Well now he did agree with the Arab formulation that Israel is an imperialist nation, did he not?

ESHKOL: He once only in his appearances once mentioned it.

SMITH: But in general you think -----

ESHKOL: In general — but you know that only a few months ago Prime Minister Khrushchev sent out a note to all the countries and to Israel suggesting that all problems and disputes, border disputes, shall be solved not by war nor by arms, only by peaceful negotiations, which we endorsed. So this is why I think that is not his intention today. Of course I don't know what Mr. Nasser thinks in his heart.