

Pointing to Ted Yates' name, the President said "See about his wife. Where she is --- Send her some flowers."

Will Sparks has drafted telegrams of condolence to Mrs. Yates (she left Wash last night for Athens, Greece to be near her husband -- did not then know he was wounded). Bob Hardesty's wife is looking after the 3 Yates children---they are neighbors.

Drafts in Pres's b'rm as of now. 4p. m. 6/6/67

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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*Rusk 1.14 p*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bob Fleming *F*

NETWORK CRISIS COVERAGE

A CBS special at 10 a.m. featured Secretary Rusk's statement on Cairo's plane charges.

ABC, at 10:15, used Secretary Rusk's statement after explanation that the President had begun conferring with Secs. Rusk and McNamara at 6 a.m. Frank Reynolds said, Mr. Rusk would not discuss UAR motives, but that it appeared Nasser might be charging U. S. involvement to pull in USSR help. John Scali said government sources here were noting that there were no reports of UAR air raids on Israel last night, supporting Israeli claims that it has smashed the UAR air force. Scali also reported beliefs here that Israel is making sufficient ground gains so that it would refuse to give them up in a cease-fire settlement.

NBC, at 10:25, also carried Sec. Rusk's statement. Among the other Mid-East developments, the first American death: Paul Schutzer, a Life photographer, was killed by mortar fire that struck an Israeli half-track.

(Later, news came that Ted Yates, NBC producer, had died of wounds sustained Monday.)

On noon programs, Ray Scherer reported signs elsewhere pointed to UAR breaking relations with U. S., but no confirmation here. Bob Pierpoint said Mr. Rusk's morning statement still stood although Cairo was not pulling back on charge of U.S. air activity. Richard Hottelet reported no signs yet of USSR action to back words of support to UAR.