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FOR THE CHARGE--You should transmit following message dated  
June 5, from the President to the Prime Minister:

Dear Harold:

I appreciate your comments on the unfortunate develop-  
ments in the Near East. We had feared that someone might  
feel compelled to strike. We had no advance indication that  
a decision had been taken. We believed, in fact, we had  
at least a clean week for diplomacy.

Arthur Goldberg has had a difficult time in the Security  
Council. Like you, we had hoped for a ~~quick~~ quick cease-fire  
resolution. But we have had to deal with a determined effort  
to have the Council call for a withdrawal of forces in terms  
which would legitimize Nasser's action at the Strait of Tiran --  
a subject on which we have both taken unequivocal positions.

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We have done everything we could to get an even-handed Security Council pronouncement. We shall work with your people in New York to encourage helpful UN action. If the Soviets, and the French, are more ~~xx~~ forthcoming than they have been, both of us will want to build on that development to work toward a satisfactory settlement.

Meanwhile, I hope we can keep in closest touch as the military situation develops and put the ~~xx~~ best minds ~~xx~~ available to both of us to work on the contingencies that may arise and the constructive possibilities that may unfold.

I think you know the deep satisfaction I derived from our discussions.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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