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Interview New York Times magazine reviewing U.S.A. foreign policy retiring Bedell Smith interalia said situation "from Gibraltar to Pakistan" now "infinitely better" than year ago stressing Iranian settlement, Turkish Pakistan axis which Iran will undoubtedly join and "should think Iraq would move same direction". Said Suez agreement been very helpful, "Am not sure we won't get Israel Jordan settlement regarding water within measurable time. Johnston very hopeful. They only short way apart now. Johnston expects go there within few weeks and if gets there I think may well return with settlement. That itself will ease things. There good deal apprehension in Israel regarding our decision give some arms States but I know it is not justifiable apprehension and am quite sure statements of Secretary and others will serve to remove most of it".

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