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Following is McCloskey transcript of press and radio news briefing, Tuesday, March 5, 1968, 12:32 PM:

QUOTE

QUESTION: Bob, has the United States Government received any indirect reports from the UAR confirming the line of Mr. Atwood's interview with Nasser -- his admission that the United States did not fly cover?
ANSWER: Oh, we've had indications of that from time-to-time from various Egyptian sources, yes.

QUESTION: Does this mean we --

ANSWER: This is the first time that President Nasser has gone to the extent he did on the record in that interview.

QUESTION: Does this mean we are moving closer to diplomatic relations with

the UAR?

ANSWER: Well, I said yesterday that those remarks to us constituted an encouraging development on this question.

QUESTION: Bob, are --

ANSWER: I cannot anticipate how, when or under what circumstances we may reach a resumption of diplomatic relations.

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