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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

February 4, 1960.

(VG 1151/14)

Dear Mr. Cockerham,

With reference to our recent telephone conversation, I enclose some notes about certain Egyptian personalities that the Mission may be meeting.

If you decide to copy these notes to the members of the Mission, you should, I think, as in the case of the political brief, ask for their return to the Board of Trade before the Mission leaves London.

*Yours sincerely,
J. B. Flux*

(J. B. Flux)

G. Cockerham, Esq.,
Board of Trade.

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Colonel Mahmoud Younes

Chairman, Suez Canal Authority

Ex-officer. After the 1952 revolution, he was Director of Technical Affairs at the Secretariat of the Revolution Command Council. Specialised in petroleum matters and became Adviser on Mineral Wealth to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Managing Director of the United Arab Republic Government Refinery at Suez and Government representative on the Board of Anglo-Egyptian Oilfields Limited. Also appointed head of the Oil Pipeline Administration in the Ministry of Industry. After the events of November, 1956, was appointed Controller of Petroleum and Special Sequestrator of Shell and Anglo-Egyptian Oilfields' interests in Egypt. Became a member of the Board of the Suez Canal Authority on its inception in July, 1956, and its Chairman in July, 1957. Very able.. Westernised and polite but unattractive. Sensitive but personally not unfriendly.

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Mohamed Rushdy

Chairman, Bank Mier

Has served for many years with the Bank Mier. Married the daughter of the founder of the bank and eventually became its chairman. Is also Chairman of the Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce. Visited the United Kingdom as a member of the Egyptian Trade Mission in July, 1956.

Very friendly, but not impressive.

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Dr Mohamed Aly Rifast, O.B.E.

Director, Federation of Egyptian Industries and
Secretary-General of the Afro-Asian Organisation
for Economic Cooperation.

Former official of the Ministry of Finance. Was at one time with London office of the National Bank of Egypt and while there attended the London School of Economics. During the last war was Director of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Anglo-Egyptian Censorship (for his services with which he was awarded an honorary O.B.E.) and subsequently Director of the Import Permit Department of the Ministry of Finance.

Entered business after the war and is a company director and commission agent. Contributes articles on economic matters to the local press. Married to an Englishwoman. Friendly and cooperative.

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Dr Abdel Galil El Emary

Governor of the Central Bank
(National Bank of Egypt)

Educated in Egypt and at London University. Entered Government Service and has held many posts in the Ministries of Commerce and Industry and Finance. Was appointed Under-Secretary for Finance in December 1947. Was a key member of the Egyptian delegation for financial negotiations with Her Majesty's Government in that month, and was chairman of the Egyptian delegations in 1949 and 1950. Left the Government service in 1951 for business. Appointed Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Egypt in 1952. Returned to office as Minister of Commerce in February 1952 and was Minister of Finance from July, 1952 to April, 1954, when he resigned and re-joined the business world. Appointed Governor of the National Bank of Egypt in October, 1957. Has a reputation for straight-forward dealing and financial probity and ability. Speaks fluent English.

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Ahmed Abou Eln

Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Egypt

Completed his education in the United Kingdom. Civil servant in the Ministry of Finance, he was appointed Under-Secretary of State in September, 1954. Was later appointed to his present post with the National Bank of Egypt. Represents the bank on the Council of the Economic Organisation.

Friendly and helpful.

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Hussein Fahmy, C.B.E.

National Planning Committee

Most of his career was spent in the Egyptian Customs Administration, of which he eventually became Director-General. During the last war he was Under-Secretary for Supplies and later on was twice Minister of Finance. He led an economic mission to the Far East in November, 1953.

Has a modest and engaging personality and is shrewd and businesslike. Speaks English fluently.

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