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TELEGRAM FROM Sir M. Lampson (Cairo)

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J: Egypt and Sudan.

Lack of co-operation between King Farouk and Prime Minister.

Refers to Foreign Office telegram 1008 (J 1446/38/16). The Egyptian Ambassador has seen the King twice since his arrival and has spoken to His Majesty warning him to dis-interest himself in Ali Maher who had been the cause of all the trouble. His Majesty's Ambassador impressed upon Nashat the folly of the King working against a Prime Minister with the majority of the country behind him and asked him to speak to King Farouk accordingly. The matter of the Palace Italians was brought to the notice of the Ambassador who promised to keep His Majesty's Ambassador informed of any discussions with King Farouk.

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Nashat seems to be playing a useful part. King Farouk is now under pressure from several quarters of his sister, Shouk, the Shah, and Nashat - it remains to be seen with what effect.

We now learn, incidentally, that the Palace Italians are still there - & it is suggested that the Security authorities have now approved the retention of two more. Off submitted.

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Ankara,  
Cairo,  
B.M.E.O. Cairo,  
Memin Fayid.

Your telegram 5411.

Egypt.

We spoke to McGhee as instructed on 3rd November, emphasising particularly the need to keep the initiative in the face of Egyptian obstruction and non-cooperation. He was most receptive. He confirmed State Department agreement with our long term policy (your telegram 1249). He described your approach to the question of oil restrictions as "very satisfactory" and accepted the difference between measures intended to show the Egyptian Government what we could do and cause them inconvenience and those likely to cause a crisis in the Delta. He readily agreed to instruct United States Ambassador to speak to the Egyptian Government "in very forceful terms".

2. McGhee then reverted to the point in paragraph 3 of my telegram 3456 and asked whether we were confident we could hold the base whatever the Egyptians did. On the basis of paragraph 3 of Memin Fayid telegram No. 3 we told him that, while Egyptian obstruction would be tiresome, we had no doubt of our ability to maintain our position.

3. Finally McGhee said he wanted to emphasise United States solidarity with us on our attitude to Egypt. He had raised the question of the oil restrictions (my telegram 3498)

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