

محضر الاجتماع الموسع لوفدى الحكومتان البريطانية والمصرية
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Minutes of a Plenary Meeting of the Delegations
of the British and Egyptian Governments held in
the Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Cairo, 27th. July, 1954.

The Delegations met for the purpose of initialling
the Heads of Agreement concerning an Agreement to be drafted
regarding the Suez Canal Base.

There were present :

Sir Ralph Skrine Stevenson
Her Majesty's Ambassador.
The Rt. Hon. Antony Head.
Major General E.R. Benson.

Lt. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser,
Prime Minister.
Major General Abdel-Hakim
Amer,
Wing Commander Abdel-Latif
El-Boghdadi.
Major Salah Salem.
Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Heads of Agreement
the Delegations agreed that it was not the intention of either
Government that the Agreement should be "open-ended".

Unless both the Egyptian and United Kingdom Governments agreed
upon any extension for this Agreement in whole or in part, it
would terminate finally seven years after the date of signature
and the United Kingdom Government would withdraw or otherwise
dispose of the remaining British-owned property.

2. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Heads of Agreement
it was accepted that the level of supplies to be agreed upon
will be stated in board terms, i.e., the total tonnage of
stores and equipment to be held in the depots and an upper
limit to the equipment and vehicles under repair in the Base
workshops.

3. With regard to paragraph 7 of the Agreement the British Delegation pointed out that it would only be possible to produce a schedule of withdrawal along the broadest lines, e.g., stating percentage of troops being moved in each four-monthly period. The Egyptian Delegation took note and agreed.

4. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Heads of Agreement, it was noted that the landing and servicing facilities referred to will be granted at Abu-Sueir in the case of land planes and Fanara in the case of Flying boats. This fact will be clarified in the Agreement by means of a Note in an Appendix indicating that the British civilian technicians will be located at Abu-Sueir and Fanara for the purpose of assisting in the servicing of aircraft under Royal Air Force control and in the technical take off, flying and landing procedures.

"The clearance of notified flights will be obtained through operational channels."

5. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Annex it is agreed that a Civilian Board of Management may be established in the Base to co-ordinate the activities of the civilian contractors.

6. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Annex I to the Heads of Agreement, it was agreed that officers, who may be military or civilian may be attached temporarily to Her Majesty's Embassy in Cairo for the purpose of paying visits of inspection in civilian clothes to the installations provided that the maximum number of inspectors to be agreed upon is not exceeded.

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7. The Delegations agreed that in the Agreement there should be a clause dealing with the 1936 Treaty.

Provision will also be made to safeguard the status of the British troops pending their withdrawal.

8. The Delegations also agreed that there should be included in the Agreement a clause establishing that Her Majesty's Forces would be immediately withdrawn from Egyptian territory when the circumstances envisaged in paragraph 4 (i) of the Heads of Agreement no longer applied.

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Lt. Col. W. McB. Stephen

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Wing Commander Ali Sabri

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J. K. Drinkall

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