

States in telegram 628 to Cairo, Document 114. The Sanaa office of the Taiz Legation verified that the Arabic text faithfully reflected the meaning of the English version. (Telegram 18 from Sanaa, December 18; Department of State, Central Files, 786H.00/12-1862)

On December 19, the UAR Ministry of Information released a statement that was the same as the U.S. proposal contained in telegram 628, except that the penultimate sentence used "whenever" instead of "or earlier." The Embassy in Cairo verified that the official Arabic text was a close translation of the English version with no difference in substance. (Telegram 883 from Cairo, December 19; *ibid.*, 786.02/12-1962)

At noon on December 19, the Department of State issued a press release indicating that the U.S. Government welcomed the statements made by the Yemen Arab Republic and the United Arab Republic, expressed the belief that they provided a basis for terminating the conflict in Yemen, and extended recognition to the Yemen Arab Republic. For text, see Department of State *Bulletin*, January 7, 1963, pages 11-12.

117. Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT

US Policy Toward UAR

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Ambassador Badeau met with Mr. Talbot and Mr. Strong to review the results of his two weeks' consultations in the Department. The following was agreed:

Arab Propaganda War—Upon his return to Cairo, the Ambassador should take steps to discourage the UAR from its sponsorship of the