

In making approach explain purpose trip make personal contact with Near East and Asian leaders and obtain first-hand information.

New Delhi and Karachi only: At your discretion you may mention that Secretary does not plan take up question "Asian Defense Pact".

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Subject: Egypt

Participants:

United States

Honorable John Foster
Dulles, Secretary of State
Honorable Harold E. Stassen,
Director, Mutual Security
Administration
Honorable Henry A. Byroade,
Assistant Secretary of State
Honorable Douglas MacArthur
II, State Department
Counselor
Ambassador Caffery
Mr. Lewis Jones

Egypt

Mahmoud Fawzi,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Under Secretary for Foreign
Affairs
Mohamed El-Khouny, Assistant
Secretary
Legal Adviser, Foreign Office

Foreign Minister Fawzi welcomed the American group. The Secretary replied that he and his party were happy to be in Cairo and said that if we met more frequently with other countries, and had closer contact, it would be a good thing. The US has contractual arrangements with other countries regarding defense (NATO) but he would like the Foreign Minister to know that it has equal concern for Egypt. His party was here to find out what Egypt thinks of the problems which are also of concern to the US and what the US can do to help Egypt. The US is very much concerned with the

¹ This conversation took place in the office of the Foreign Minister.