

certain items of military equipment. Egypt *quid pro quo* wld be private agreement to consult on MEDO concept.

B. I. No comments.

2. Concur and desire revert to suggestion para Roman [apparent omission] B my ref tel re utility or more explicit ref to possibilities of economic cooperation in this area. Both Arab security pact and third para Paris principles Nov 10 contain useful language in this regard.

3. and 4. I concur.

II. A. and B. I concur.

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520. Depcirtels 449 and 450.² Emb agrees with Dept's excellent comments on UK draft paper.

No objections here re prelimin informal approach to Egypt. Iraqis in general recognize paramount importance Egypt to successful defense org and any criticisms can be turned aside this basis.

Believe Emb Cairo's suggestion re lifting as much as possible of nomenclature, language and ideas from Arab collective security pact and incorporating them into whatever final MEDO instrument evolves had merit provided it can be done so as not to interfere with MEDO's *de facto* capacity deal with Arab countries individually. Emb believes, however, that it wld be better omit mention of pact in first instance and let suggestions come from Arabs themselves so that they may feel they have had some kind of creative role in MEDO. Iraqis and others almost sure to bring up Arab collective security pact if they engage in subsequent discussions.

In re manner presentation I agree multilateral *démarche* too heavy-handed and formalistic for purpose proposed. Local Doyen³ taking lead wld apparently give Turkey no major role in any country and also may coincidentally give rise "spheres of influence" impression. However, I see no practicable alternative. IG accustomed consulting in first instance with Brit Amb. I believe advisable he

¹ Repeated to London, Paris, Ankara, and Amman.

² Documents 95 and 96.

³ That is, the British Ambassador.