

tant not only to Egypt but for defense of entire ME. He argued it unwise reserve defense of ME to local troops alone, but reliance must be placed upon outside help. Naguib responded UK to blame for Egyptian lack preparedness since UK thinks Egypt would use against UK and Israel any arms which might be provided. Naguib assured Amb he is not foolish enough to fight powerful country such as UK nor to fight Israel, but is trying to develop good relations with all countries.

Naguib summarized position by saying that until Canal Zone evacuated Egyptians had better stay by themselves. Amb commented that Russians may not let them stay by themselves and cited danger that Russian paratroopers could seize Canal Zone. Naguib replied simply that UK must resolve present dilemma and that he hoped they would choose right course. He agreed however to study question of participation in MEDO and to discuss matter further with Amb within 2-3 weeks.

Turk FonMin, in advising me of foregoing, said that question evacuation Brit troops not discussed in London nor has he discussed it with Brit Amb Ankara. Churchill did in London mtgs make some passing comment in offhand way that if Egyptians continued to be as difficult as they had in past he would move his troops to Cyprus. FonMin emphasized this could not be taken as considered judgment.

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## PRESENT

General Bradley  
 General Lemnitzer  
 General Twining  
 Admiral Duncan  
 Admiral Fife  
 General Ruffner

Colonel Wright  
 Mr. Matthews  
 Mr. Bohlen  
 Mr. Nitze  
 Mr. Byroade  
 Mr. Jernegan

<sup>1</sup> A notation on the first page reads: "State Draft. Not cleared with any of the participants."

<sup>2</sup> The meeting was held at 11 a. m. in the Pentagon.