

extent Brit troops. We also concur that base settlement and MEDO cld only be given meaning with material assistance to Egypt by US and UK.

UK and US are equally anxious estab MEDO without delay. If UK can be persuaded our considered judgment that Egypt is key to MEDO, it seems to us that UK is bound acknowledge that Egypt adherence can only be secured by prompt settlement base question.

We wld hope at same time Naguib reply to our msg (Deptel 678 to Cairo Sep 30)² will be sufficiently forthcoming so that we can proceed now with material assistance thereby creating better atmosphere for approach to base question and MEDO simultaneously. Also clear that favorable reply wld help put fol proposals over with UK.

[Here follows a summary of the main points which the Department of State proposed to make in replying to the United Kingdom regarding the Anglo-Turkish proposal; see the *aide-mémoire* of November 5, *infra*.]

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² Not printed, but see footnote 5, Document 98.

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The Secretary of State is most grateful to His Excellency the Ambassador of the United Kingdom for the information transmitted through the British Embassy in Washington on October 27 with respect to the results of the Anglo-Turkish conversations on the

¹ Handed to the British Ambassador by Matthews on Nov. 5, with a request that the Ambassador transmit it to London. Drafted by Stabler, and cleared by Acheson, Bonbright, Matthews, Ferguson, and Byroade.

A memorandum of the Nov. 5 conversation at the Department of State, not printed, stated that Matthews told the British Ambassador the United States did not intend to inform the Turks of the message until it had received the British reaction, and hoped the British would not discuss it with them either, but the United States did want to discuss the matter with the Turks as soon as possible because they had informed us of the meetings in London in October. (780.5/11-552)

This *aide-mémoire* was transmitted to London in telegram 3155, to Cairo in telegram 952, and to the Embassies in Amman, Ankara, Baghdad, Beirut, Damascus, Jidda, and Tel Aviv on Nov. 5. (780.5/11-552)