

to take a firm position on military and economic assistance to Egypt until a reply from the Egyptian Government to our message of October 6 had been received and studied. In our message we made clear that U.S. assistance to Egypt would be largely conditioned by the attitude of the Egyptian Government towards cooperating in the defense of the Near East. Insofar as economic assistance to Egypt was concerned, the Egyptians have so far not made any specific requests of great significance. The U.S. in the meantime is continuing to expand its Point IV Program.<sup>3</sup>

Mr. Jernegan indicated our agreement with the wisdom of the Turkish decision to defer any specific approach to Iraq until after the Iraqi elections had taken place. He said that the U.S. assumed that there would be further consultation on the subject of initial MEDO approaches.

Aside from these comments, it was agreed not to go into greater detail in view of the provisional nature of the British reply.

<sup>3</sup> For the Egyptian reply received by the Embassy in Cairo on Nov. 10 and considered by the Department to provide the basis for a limited program of assistance "at this time", see Document 1024. Accordingly, the Department on Nov. 21 initiated a series of exchanges with the Department of Defense, extending to Dec. 29, in which the Department of State formally recommended the extension of certain military aid to Egypt as being politically essential for the purpose of obtaining desired U.S. politico-military objectives in the Near East. For those exchanges, and related documentation, see Documents 1031 ff.

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780.5/11-1352: Circular telegram

### *The Secretary of State to Certain Diplomatic Missions*<sup>1</sup>

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544. Dept officially informed UK Govt proposes inform Pak Govt of MEDO proposals with explanation that if Pak desires come in as participating member proposed planning org it wld be welcome.<sup>2</sup> Fol is summary of document left with Dept by UK Emb stating UK position this subj.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Sent to Karachi, New Delhi, London, Paris, Ankara, Canberra, Wellington, and Pretoria. Drafted by Metcalf and cleared by NE, NEA, GTI, BNA, SOA, S/MSA, and S/S-CR.

<sup>2</sup> Two officers from the British Embassy called at the Department of State on Nov. 5 to present a memorandum containing proposals the United Kingdom was making to all the sponsoring powers of the Middle East Defense Organization regarding a proposed invitation to Pakistan to participate in NATO. (Memorandum of conversation, Nov. 5; 780.5/11-552)

<sup>3</sup> The British memorandum entitled "Middle East Defence Organization," not printed, is in PPS files, lot 64 D 563, "Near and Middle East, 1952-53".