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674.87/8-2754: Telegram

*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Iraq*¹

SECRET

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119. Cairo's 6 to Baghdad² confirms our understanding current Egyptian attitude against association at present with West in area defense arrangements.

In view Egyptian Government's apparent rejection Nuri Said-Saleh Salem proposals (which could not have been acceptable to USG in context present orientation ALCSP) Embassy should at appropriate opportunity sound out Nuri on his present thinking. Embassy may in its discretion mention Department's satisfaction over assurance given Ambassador Berry by Nuri re his support for Turk-Pakistan pact (Embtel 590)³ and Nuri's statement (Embtel 105).⁴ He not abandoning regional defense principle which he recognized lay behind pact. Having in mind these statements and last paragraph Embtel 107⁵ we hope Nuri will focus his attention on Turki-Pakistan pact which we believe offers only basis for realistic and effective defense planning in Near East.

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¹ Drafted by Fritzman and cleared by NE and in substance by OFMA/OSB. Repeated as telegram 356 to Cairo, 1212 to London, 275 to Ankara, and 278 to Karachi.

² Not printed; this is the same as telegram 260, which is summarized in footnote 5, *supra*.

³ Document 202.

⁴ Document 223.

⁵ Not printed, but see footnote 3, *supra*.

No. 228

780.5/9-854: Telegram

*The Ambassador in Egypt (Caffery) to the Department of State*¹

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312. Iraqi Ambassador said this morning he had seen Nasir, Gamal Salim and Salah Salim yesterday on Nuri's instructions (Baghdad's 143 to Department).² He said Nasir had taken position

¹ Repeated to Baghdad, London, Amman, Beirut, Damascus, Jidda, Ankara, and Karachi.

² Not printed; it reported Nuri Said had commented he had no definite knowledge of disagreement between the Egyptians and himself concerning the Iraqi-Egyptian

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