

Re Tel Aviv telegram 1038, ³ I concur desirability Egypt-Israeli military level conference. I believe Riad would agree but cannot predict what Egyptian Government attitude would be.

CAFFERY

³ Document 787.

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The Secretary of State to the Department of State ¹

SECRET PRIORITY

LONDON, April 12, 1954—10 a. m.

4489. I mentioned to Eden last evening Churchill's message to Sharett (Deptel 5344 to London) ² and discussed possibility of my sending similar message. Eden unaware UK Embassy instructed to tell us about Churchill's message. He said that since Churchill considered pro-Zionist a message from him had seemed desirable but doubted desirability of supporting message from US.

In view of above and fact that further message from me might be construed as resulting from my visit London rather than from our own initiative do not believe we should send any message at this time.

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¹ Repeated to Tel Aviv and Paris.

² Document 789.

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

CONFIDENTIAL PRIORITY

CAIRO, April 12, 1954—11 a. m.

1295. Re Deptel 1261. ² Embassy officer again emphasized to Riad yesterday our concern over incidents and necessity avoid retaliation.

Re military meeting with Israelis, Riad said as general principle Egypt always ready cooperate and never refuses discussion. He said he would think about question his attending meeting and might go

¹ Sent also to Tel Aviv priority; repeated to Jerusalem.

² See footnote 3, Document 787.