

## No. 918

674.84A/11-1054: Telegram

*The Ambassador in Egypt (Caffery) to the Department of State*<sup>1</sup>

CONFIDENTIAL

CAIRO, November 10, 1954—3 p.m.

637. As I reported in mytel 617,<sup>2</sup> I spoke to Minister Foreign Affairs last Saturday about Tel Aviv's 398.<sup>3</sup> I spoke again to him this morning along lines Deptel 705.<sup>4</sup> Fawzi said that in meantime he had spoken to Prime Minister, Minister Interior, etc. They all agree that every effort should be made to prevent incidents in Gaza area. On one hand they do not deny that there are infiltrations from Gaza side. On other hand they forcefully insist that Israelis are exaggerating their number and importance.

They insist also that for some time they have been taking appropriate measures to control infiltrations. They will redouble their efforts in that direction. They definitely do not want trouble with Israel.

In this connection GOE has always indicated willingness enter into cooperative control arrangements between local police commanders. However, when General Burns recently attempted to call meeting for this purpose, Israelis indicated they were not ready to hold such discussions now (see Embdesps 858, November 5 and 886, November 10).<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Repeated to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, London, and New York.

<sup>2</sup> See footnote 2, Document 912.

<sup>3</sup> Document 912.

<sup>4</sup> Document 914.

<sup>5</sup> Neither printed.

## No. 919

611.74/11-1154: Telegram

*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Egypt*<sup>1</sup>

SECRET

WASHINGTON, November 13, 1954—12:55 p. m.

750. Embtel 641.<sup>2</sup> Suggest you inform Fawzi Department pleased know his desire for closer cooperation and glad consider practical

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to Tel Aviv; sent by pouch to London and New York.

<sup>2</sup> In telegram 641 from Cairo, Nov. 11, Caffery reported on a conversation that morning with Fawzi, in the course of which the Egyptian Foreign Minister ex-  
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