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Present:

*U.S.*

Secretary Acheson

Mr. Matthews

Mr. Perkins

Mr. Berry

Ambassador Gifford

Mr. Stabler

*U.K.*

Secretary Eden

Sir Oliver Franks

Mr. Burrows

Mr. Shuckburgh

*Egypt*

The Secretary said that Egypt was the first item on the agenda today. He said that we were in agreement on principles and that what he wished to raise this morning was the question of tactics. He believed that we should be prepared to move forward with the Egyptians in an attempt to break the present impasse. He felt that when the time came to do something, the question of King Farouk's title as King of the Sudan might be the means to ease the defense proposals through. He was not proposing that we do anything at the present time but that we merely prepare ourselves for the future. What was required was Four Power agreement on the substance of a move after which we would inform our Ambassadors in Cairo what we have in mind. The United States had no particular views as to whether the move should be made now or whether it should only be made after the Wafd is removed.

The Secretary said that the great problem in connection with the King's title, as indeed Mr. Eden had pointed out, was that if recognition of the title should in any way be considered an indication that we are accepting the Egyptian abrogation, it would not be possible to use it. However, we wanted to see if we could not work out an arrangement whereby recognition of the title could be justified by the United Kingdom on its terms and equally justified by the Egyptians on their terms.

<sup>1</sup> This was the ninth in a series of meetings held in conjunction with the talks held between President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill.