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*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Egypt*CONFIDENTIAL
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1011. Totec. Embtel 1017 Jan 8. Dept desires no action now to terminate Gen Agreement for Technical Coop. Continue negots with Egypt Govt to obtain Sec 511 (b) assurances. ¹ Inform Dept developments in negots to permit additional instrs re Technical Assistance Program and comply Deptel 996 Jan 8. ²

Emb shld point out that assurances required by Act need not be considered as amendments to May 5 Gen Agreement. May be exchange notes reaffirming mutual support broad objective internatl understanding mentioned May 5 agreement, and projecting it, but only to extent mutually agreeable, by undertaking action that will eliminate causes of tensions between peoples.

Dept regrets Egyptians believe US attempting exercise big stick diplomacy through manipulation technical assistance, when simply obliged conform specific provisions MSA, including phrase from Sec 511 (b) quoted ur 1020 Jan 9. ³ In lieu that phrase you may wish suggest fol language which being suggested for final version draft exchange notes with Leb.

"The Govt of Leb, in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter, agrees to join in promoting internatl understanding and good will, and in maintaining world peace and to undertake such action as may be mutually agreed upon to eliminate causes for internatl tension."

FYI exchange notes on 511 (b) signed with Jordan and Saudi.

Indication our desire reach understanding demonstrated by fact technicians continuing work on projects until agreement reached or clear no agreement possible.

¹ This reference is to the Mutual Security Act, signed into law on Oct. 10, 1951, as Public Law 165. (65 Stat. 373)

² Not printed; the Department instructed the Embassy in Egypt to suspend new dollar expenditures for commodities and equipment for technical assistance until Egypt provided the necessary assurances called for under the Mutual Security Act. On the assumption that Egypt would give the proper assurances, however, the Embassy was instructed to allow the technicians in Egypt to remain and perform their duties. (874.00 TA/1-852)

³ Not printed; the phrase in question is as follows: "and to undertake such action as they may mutually agree upon to eliminate causes for international tension". Ambassador Caffery reported that he thought the Egyptian Government would insist on the elimination or substantial modification of this phrase in the final exchange of notes signifying Egyptian compliance with the terms of the Mutual Security Act. (874.00 TA/1-952)