

5. Please convey above thinking informally Brit FonOff. Comments London and Cairo requested. ²

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² Ambassador Gifford reported on Jan. 30 in telegram 3294 from London, not printed, that the contents of this instruction had been delivered to the British Foreign Office on Jan. 28. The Foreign Office reaction was one of pleasure that Ambassador Caffery had been authorized to support Stevenson if and when an approach was made to the Egyptians along the lines of telegram 3259 from London (*supra*). With regard to paragraph 2, the British were cautious and noncommittal about the proposal to include the Sudan in any prospective talks with the Egyptians. And, lastly, Gifford reported that the Foreign Office essentially agreed with the contents of paragraphs 3 and 4. (641.74/1-3052)

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641.74/1-2862: Telegram

The Secretary of State to the Embassy in the United Kingdom ¹

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WASHINGTON, January 28, 1952—7:59 p. m.

3566. 1. Pls tell Eden we warmly welcome his general ideas (Embassy's 3259, Jan 28) and that we will do all we can to help.

2. We have had a very close shave and believe we shld take advantage of present opportunity which may not last long. Furthermore, Maher may be our last chance. For this reason we are all the more pleased with Eden's initiative.

3. It seems to us that the most important thing at this moment is to get the talks going, and we wld be prepared to participate if UK and Egypt so desired. We think it doubtful however if situation would be met by discussions limited to Four-Power Proposals and believe that they shld include the Sudan and any other outstanding points. General order of discussions we have in mind outlined to Egyptian Amb by Secretary (para 5 Deptel 3460, Jan 22.) ²

4. We are certain that Eden will share our belief that King has been key figure in recent days and that without his strong action situation would have got completely out of hand. It seems to us that he deserves all the support and encouragement we can give him at this critical moment. In our view this might take form of early recognition of him as "King of Sudan". We do not think Foreign Office position re title (Emb's 3253, Jan 26) ³ goes far enough

¹ Repeated to Cairo as telegram 1099. Drafted and approved by Jones.

² Not printed.

³ Not printed. In telegram 3253 from London, Jan. 26, Holmes reported that the Foreign Office was continuing its reassessment of its previous Sudan and defense proposals. With regard to the specific issue of Farouk's claim to be King of the

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