

Sudan question is neither practical nor realistic. It would be like starting a boxing match with one hand tied." ⁵

Mr. Eden has been working very hard on Egypt and even though no positive progress has been made, he has instructed the British Ambassador in Cairo to approach the Egyptian Prime Minister with a view to resuming negotiations. ⁶

A series of friendly nudges on various informal occasions may be all that is necessary at this stage. However, if there are no moves on the Sudan (such as the U.K. taking steps to "consult") within the next ten days, it might be desirable to give consideration to increasing the pressure.

⁵ This quotation came from telegram 1303 from Cairo, Feb. 11, not printed. (641.74/2-1152)

⁶ Ambassador Gifford in London reported this information to the Department of State in telegram 3470, Feb. 8, not printed. (641.74/2-852)

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874.00 TA/2-952 Telegram

The Acting Secretary of State to the Embassy in Egypt

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1234. Ref: Embtel 1296, Feb 9; ¹ Sec. 511 (b) Mutual Security Act. Egyptian proposal appreciated, although wld be much preferable to insert "promote intl understanding and goodwill, maintain world peace and" before "remove causes for intl tension". Because of attn drawn by Egypt's delay, wld be desirable avoid presumably unwarranted implication of reservations re these points. Dept assumes omission inadvertent and that FonMin wld not refuse this. If however you feel further negots wld cause friction you may accept note. However, you shld ack note in fol terms: "the Govt of US understands that the Govt of Egypt, in accordance with its expression

¹ Ambassador Caffery informed the Department in telegram 1296, Feb. 9, not printed, that the Egyptian Foreign Minister was prepared to deliver the following letter regarding Section 511 (b) of the Mutual Security Act, if it was acceptable to the United States:

"Pursuant to our discussions concerning an expanded program of technical assistance under the Point IV, my govt is interested in expanding the programs of technical assistance already initiated in accordance with the general agreement for technical operation, signed May 5, 1951. At the same time, I am pleased to confirm that it is the continuing policy of the Egypt Govt to support the principles of the United Nations Charter, and my govt is prepared to cooperate with the Govt of the United States and other peace-loving countries in taking such measures to remove causes for international tension as would seem consonant with the principles of the Charter." (874.00 TA/2-952)