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745W.00/4-2052 Telegram

*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Egypt*¹TOP SECRET
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1681. Calling on instr Brit Amb Apr 30 gave Secy text new Sudan formula reported by separate tel.² Ref Apr 25 discussion (Deptel 5501 to London, Apr 25, 1952 to Cairo)³ Brit Amb said ambiguity phrase previous formula "pres status Sudanese people" avoided in redraft.⁴ Amb believes now clear para refers to status Sudanese during entire interim period prior to self-determination. Amb reported Eden believed it useless consult Sudanese prior presentation formula or obtaining desired guarantees (para 2 ref tel) from Egypt unless UK already had Egypt guarantees in form conditional promises.⁵ UK intended it wld be made clear that Egypt guarantees wld not become operative until Sudanese assent to title recognition. Secy ptd out that redrafted formula made no mention guarantees tho UK undertook consult Sudanese immed and speculated on Egypt reaction this pt.⁶

cult, and Caffery thought that the "damage wld be irreparable if United States throws in its prestige in attempt to sell unacceptable formula." (745W.00/5-152)

¹ Repeated to London as telegram 5597.

² Telegram 1680, *supra*.

³ See footnote 2, *supra*.

⁴ The reference is to the phrasing of paragraph 2 of the original draft of the Sudan formula. As transmitted in telegram 4814 from London, Apr. 23, not printed, paragraph 2 reads as follows:

"During the interim period, and without prejudice to the question of the right of the King of Egypt, pending such self-determination, to the title of King of the Sudan, HMG declare their readiness, in consultation with the Sudanese, to seek means of reconciling a possible recognition of this title during this period with their pledges to the Sudanese people, on the understanding that neither the REG nor HMG wld allow such recognition to change in any way the present status of the Sudanese people." (745W.00/4-2352)

⁵ See footnote 2, *supra*.

⁶ In telegram 4814 Ambassador Gifford also transmitted the text of a document which presented a series of undertakings which the British believed they had to obtain from Egypt in order to persuade the Sudanese to agree to recognize Farouk as King of the Sudan. The text reads as follows:

"(A) Public recognition of the right of self-determination.

"(B) A public declaration that assumption of title by the King and its recognition by UK wld not be regarded as affecting, or allowed to affect, in any way the present status of the Sudanese.

"(C) Recognition of the title will not be allowed to affect the administration of the Sudan.

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