

had had with the Egyptians. He thought they might have opened the eyes of both parties to the fact that the question of the title is not a simple one. Conversations between the British and the Egyptians might, however, lead to a new agreement setting forth anew the relationship between the two powers, and in this way fill the legal void brought about by the Egyptians' termination of the 1899 Agreement.

Mr. Eden said that the Foreign Office would re-draft its statement and give it to the Secretary before Thursday's meeting in order that he might examine it and see whether he thought that it was something which the United States Government could support.

Mr. Acheson agreed to this procedure.

[Here follows discussion of the situation in Iran.]

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Mr. Eden

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd

Sir William Strang

Sir Pierson Dixon

Sir Roger Makin

Mr. Scott

Sir James Bowker

Mr. Allen

*United States*

Secretary Acheson

Ambassador Gifford

Ambassador Jessup

Mr. Perkins

Mr. Nitze

Miss Kirkpatrick

Mr. Battle

Mr. Ringwalt

Mr. Palmer

[Here follows discussion of a British observer to the Pacific Council and United Nations facilities in Japan.]

Mr. Eden said that the Foreign Office has now prepared preliminary drafts of 2 papers. The first is a proposal for an international commission to supervise elections in the Sudan and the second is a proposed new agreement between the UK and Egypt for the administration of the Sudan. He was hopeful that these proposals might break the deadlock which presently prevails between the UK and Egypt.