

consider whether encouragement more extreme elements in Egypt this stage may not lead eventually to repetition last autumn's events. In my view pres Egypt sit is full of dangerous potentialities and needs be handled by Amers and us with greatest caution." *End summary.*<sup>3</sup>

Brit Chargé desires discuss subj further soonest.

(Note: Deptel 510 used as guidance, <sup>4</sup> not full statement to press.)

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<sup>3</sup> Ambassador Caffery reacted to Foreign Secretary Eden's message in telegram 632 from Cairo, Sept. 10, not printed, as follows: "London FonOff tactics have been wrong and over and over again I have predicted consequences. They are wrong again." (774.00/9-1052)

<sup>4</sup> See footnote 4, Document 1005.

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774.02/9-1052: Telegram

*The Ambassador in Egypt (Caffery) to the Department of State*<sup>1</sup>

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645. We discussed Deptel 515, Sept 8 with Brit Min Creswell this morning. Dept might feel repetition of these views to Brit both in London and Wash wld serve as oral rejoinder to Eden's note as allegations made therein are not substantiated by fact. In first place policies advocated by this Emb incl final para mytel 593, Sept 7,<sup>2</sup> were predicated on the fact that Ali Maher through his own procrastination and deviousness cld not be saved. They were predicated on further fact that a new PriMin Gen Naguib, had taken off. It was essential to move quickly and to develop rels of confidence with new govt especially as there had been no change in principles of the reform movement in Egypt which we had explicitly approved in Secy's statement Sept 3. In consequence first portion of Brit note as summarized reftel seems to be entirely beside the point.

Re Brit allegation of "indiscriminate arrests in Cairo" we wld say that contrary was the case. Mil struck at their greatest enemy, the Wafd Party, in no uncertain terms rounded up leaders of Saa-dist and Liberal Parties and thus effectually silenced opposition from politicians who were seeking to oppose reform movement.

Re allegation that Naguib is "to some extent prisoner more extreme elements" I told Brit this morning that this was not true.

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to London as telegram 219.

<sup>2</sup> See footnote 1, Document 1005.