

Mytel 644³ today reporting Naguib's own comments on his mins substantiates this fact.

As for Eden's allegation of grave danger increase in xenophobia gen diminution chances of understanding between Egypt and Western powers incl possible recrudescence terrorism these are simply speculations which facts thus far do not substantiate.

In particular we trust Dept will refute Eden's innuendo that US encouraging "more extreme elements in Egypt". US is encouraging a reform movement headed by an honest soldier who presides over a civil cab and who is after all in control of Egypt.

Extraordinary sensitivity of Brit as for example their concern over relatively minor shipment of pol equipment suggests that they feel much less secure in this part of the world than one might suppose from their muttering of the threat of mil intervention being best deterrent on Egypt Govt. We trust they can be made to see that their own security posit in Egypt can best be preserved if US now and they later maintain rels of confidence with Egypt Govt.

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538. Cairo tel 645, rpt London 219. Steel Brit Emb called on Byroade Sept 9 to express Brit concern failure Dept consult London before issuance Dept reply press inquiry Sept 8. Steel asserted Egypt constantly striving drive wedge between Brit and Amer and this instance illustrated tactic which might now be exploited. Apparently different assessments Egypt sit existed London and Washington and it could have been possible that at same time US praising current Egypt regime London might have been issuing press statement with very different tone.

Byroade replied he felt very little if any harm could have been done by furnishing Dept press officer with necessary answer to inevitable question which in any case could not have been brought London's attn in time. He stressed Dept's complete confidence Caffery's assessment Egypt sit and indicated Dept's conviction adop-

¹ Repeated to London as telegram 1747. Drafted and approved by Parker T. Hart, Director of the Office of Near Eastern Affairs.