

again Egypt had no intention renewal hostilities with Israel or Brit, and that ample guarantees wld be provided re use of material. He said also Egypt wld accept help from Brit.

I expressed appreciation group's sympathy for US and said it was reciprocal. Re specific program, I suggested mil give thorough consideration to type of commitments they wld be prepared to undertake and concomitantly prepare tentative list exact assistance they require. Meanwhile, I assured Amin I wld report approach to Dept and wld recommend its careful and sympathetic consideration "in principle." Amin was pleased with this response.

Speaking as "one friend to another" Amin referred to highly satis daily working relations entire group now had with my Emb and asked me if in my personal opinion time had come when they shld establish some sort of relation with Brit, even though they cld admittedly never be so close. I said time had come and agreed to suggest to Stevenson that member of his Emb be assigned as liaison with mil. This is important step forward from only two weeks ago when mil responded to similar suggestion from US by saying "Not yet."

I once again made it clear to Amin that our ultimate objective is realization of MEDO and that this cld not be accomplished without Brit participation. He made noises about "evacuation" but in essence agreed.

I made no promises about an immed reply from Dept and suggest Dept may wish discuss whole matter with Stabler after his return to Wash 23.² He has participated deliberations here and knows men involved.

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² At this time, Stabler was in Egypt.

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783. Brit Amb saw Gen Naguib today and left with him FonOff documents on Sudan.² He stressed that this was a prelim step and

¹ Repeated to London as telegram 270.

² Ambassador Gifford in telegram 1501 from London, Sept. 15, not printed, had reported that the Foreign Office had advised him that it had sent instructions to

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