

No. 1012

774.00/9-1852: Telegram

*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Egypt*¹SECRET
PRIORITY

WASHINGTON, September 30, 1952—6:51 p. m.

678. Fol are draft instrns² refd immed preceding Deptel:³

"1. Dept, Def and DMS have given careful consideration to Gen Naguib's msg Sept 18 (Embtel 730). We have also studied joint appreciation Sept 16 prepared by you and Stevenson.⁴

2. We agree that material as well as moral support present Egypt regime is policy best calculated to lead toward attainment US and West objectives vis-à-vis Egypt, i.e., generally closer identification Egypt and West interests and specifically: a) Egypt participation in common def planning, b) settlement Anglo-Egypt controversy and c) peace with Israel.

3. We also believe that if our support is to be effective, it will have to be given without delay since demonstrable progress is important plank in new regime's platform.

¹ Also sent priority to London as telegram 2293. Drafted by Stabler and approved by Byroade after being cleared by Byroade; by G. Hayden Raynor, Director of the Office of British Commonwealth and Northern European Affairs; by James C. H. Bonbright, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs; by Edwin M. Martin, Special Assistant to the Secretary for Mutual Security Affairs; by W. Averell Harriman, Director of the Mutual Security Agency; by William C. Foster, the Deputy Secretary of Defense; and by Paul H. Nitze, Director of the Policy Planning Staff.

² Prior to the transmission of these draft instructions, Secretary Acheson sent President Truman a copy on Sept. 30. Acheson said that he believed these orders were in harmony with previous instructions and invited the President to make additional comments and suggestions. (774.00/9-1852)

³ In telegram 2292 to London, repeated to Cairo as telegram 677, not printed, the two Embassies were informed that Secretary Acheson had given the British Ambassador the text of the draft instructions which the Department was sending to Ambassador Caffery for his possible use in replying to General Naguib's message of Sept. 18. The two Embassies were also told that the Secretary of State had requested that the British provide comments regarding this draft as soon as possible, and that the Embassies were to provide their observations as well. (641.74/9-3052)

⁴ Not printed; the Embassy in Cairo transmitted a copy of the joint appreciation to the Department in despatch 477, Sept. 19. (774.5/9-1952) Prior to sending this despatch, Ambassador Caffery presented the Department with the conclusions reached in this paper in telegram 734, Sept. 19, not printed. The text is as follows:

"The Embs conclude from the foregoing analysis that support of the Naguib regime is called for. On the purely negative side the paper has shown that no prospect exists of any other govt assuming control of Egypt which wld not be likely to produce a state of anarchy in the country. On the positive side altho risks are endemic in any Egypt sit there is a poss that more forthcoming policies in London and Wash incl a decision to grant reasonable material assist wld be conducive to the maintenance of stability in Egypt and wld favor the devel of a more reasonable attitude in fon affs." (774.00/9-1952)