

"10. Duration of transition period shall not exceed three years."

In giving foregoing to Embassy off Col. Zulficar Sabri and Maj. Salah Salem said that pro-unity Ashigga parties have agreed participate in elections. Egyptian negotiators confident unity politicians will shortly give formal assent to points outlined above. Salem also said Socialist rep leader Ibrahim Badri has agreed make public statement accepting Egypt-Sudanese agreement.

GOE and Mahdi agree elections should begin before end 1952 but want wide extension direct suffrage and envisage staging elections over three or four months to permit proper supervision by international electoral comite.

Re para 4(b) Egypts, with Mahdi's verbal agreement, will propose interim appointment by two govts of Sudan members to permit immediate establishment this commission. Sudan Parliament once convened would have power confirm or change Sudan membership.

Egyptian officers stressed desire reach amicable settlement with British along foregoing lines. Naguib will probably see Stevenson Nov. 1.<sup>2</sup>

CAFFERY

<sup>2</sup> Ambassador Caffery reported in telegram 1086, Oct. 31, not printed, as follows: "The Mahdi saw Stevenson yesterday afternoon and expressed his profound satisfaction at agrmt reached with Egypt Govt over Sudan. He said significantly Egypt had agreed that Sudanese shld be sovereign in their own country and had concurred with his view that direct elections be held in North Sudan. He felt elections cld be spread over period of three to four months and that self government cld be reality early next year. He said unity parties wld do what Egypt told them and that his own and social republican parties were in complete accord with principles set forth as outlined Embtel 1078 Oct 30, rptd London 357. Mahdi concluded by expressing hope that Brit Govt wld agree with these principles." (641.74/10-3152)

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1103. Naguib handed Stevenson yesterday Egypt-Sudan proposal substantially as reported mytel 1078 October 30, rptd London 357.

Stevenson showed me this morning tels to London setting out his admiration for Naguib's "courage and statesmanship" and recommending:

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to London as telegram 369 and unnumbered to Paris, Rome, Moscow, Ankara, Tel Aviv, Tehran, and the Arab capitals.