

Brit Amb correctly surmises that Naguib will be unable make any major concessions and is prepared to go to breaking point on issue of Gov Gen's comm. In view of crucial importance reaching settlement on Sudan question, Stevenson is recommending Brit Govt go long way to meet Egypt viewpoint.

Next mtg with Naguib scheduled Nov 24. In meantime working level discussions on minor points will be undertaken by Brit Emb off, Sudan legal advisor and Egypt offs.

Lt Col Abd Al Nasir told Emb off last night that Major Salyh Salem has been summoned back from Khartoum to take hand in negots. His presence will be helpful.

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1295. Re mytel 1282, Nov 24.² I delivered Dept's message re police equip to Naguib³ this evening. He said "although this is the so much discussed police equip I am most appreciative and I ask you to tell the State Dept so."

He then reiterated what he has frequently said before that he would cordially welcome from us definite gesture in way of mil or econ aid which he could present to the people as proof of our good intentions and as giving the lie to statements which are being circulated here by word of mouth in the press and by clandestine pamphlets to the effect that our good will goes no further than words, etc. He reiterated that Commies, the Wafd and the Moslem Brethren are trying hard to upset this regime. He repeated that his regime is opposed to communism, is determined not to be allied with Moslem Bros cannot coop with Wafd. He spoke also as so many others have done in recent days about critical cotton sitn.

He said that some progress is being made with Brit on Sudan but he is convinced that the Sudanese admin is doing everything to

¹ Repeated to London as telegram 443 and unnumbered to Paris for Reinhardt and to Rome for Unger.

² Not printed.

³ The reference presumably is to telegram 1070 to Cairo, Nov. 21, not printed, in which the Department sent Caffery the list of police equipment which the United States was willing to make available to Egypt on a cash reimbursement basis. (790.5/11-2152)