

(b) US failure to come through with some mil equipment after preliminary discussions which have taken place (including Foster-Naguib conversations) wld without helping Brit injure US position in Egypt and reduce chances of our playing useful role in connection with base and area defense negots.

For foregoing reasons I urge Dept not delay plans for immed limited mil assistance to Naguib. Discussions today with Emb program officer Robert Black strengthen my thinking (Embtel 1300) that consideration of agreement under Sec 511(a) MS Act to permit limited assistance under title two is now advisable.

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1160. Re Emb desp 982 Nov 21² Dept hopes you will point out to Egypt Govt that until such time as notes exchanged in accordance Dept A139 Oct 15 we cannot complete formalities re equipment listed Deptel 1070³ Nov 21. Since development overall program and therefore our reply to Naguib's memo of Nov 10 may take some time we wld hope that during interim at least police equipment wld move. We wld therefore urge that Egypt Govt sign short form agreement now. It shld be pointed out that our reply to Naguib Nov 10 memo will also depend to some extent upon receipt Annex II.

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¹ Repeated to London as telegram 3755.

² Not printed.

³ See footnote 3, Document 1033.