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780.5/12-552: Telegram

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

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WASHINGTON, December 5, 1952—7:43 p. m.

1171. Rep Brit Emb Wash Dec 5 orally gave Dept preliminary UK views re US *aide-mémoire* Nov 18 (Deptel 3409 to London) on exchange messages GOE concerning US assistance to Egypt. Brit reply along fol lines:

UK welcomes Dept's initiative and interest in discussions with GOE. UK no less anxious in principle than US that discussions be started. UK however not ready start preliminary talks with US (prior to talks with Egypt) until review UK mil position in NE completed. This shld be about mid-Dec. Meanwhile UK considering what they cld supply Egypt in way arms as part pkge solution (which wld of course include satisfaction UK defense requirements). UK hopes be in position talk US shortly.

It was suggested that talks might be of pol-mil variety similar to those held on Egypt in Sept 1951. Dept proposed it see Brit proposals prior to such mtg. London slightly favored over Wash as site.

Brit indicated interest our plans mil, econ, assistance Egypt. Were told US actively considering such assistance altho nothing concrete had yet been devised.

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¹ Also sent to London as telegram 3902 and to Khartoum as telegram 13. Repeated by pouch to Paris, Amman, Baghdad, Beirut, Damascus, Jidda, and Tel Aviv.

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645W.74/12-852: Telegram

*The Ambassador in Egypt (Caffery) to the Department of State*¹

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CAIRO, December 8, 1952—3 p. m.

1385. Brit Amb has appointment with Naguib Dec 9 to resume Sudan discussions.²

¹ Repeated to London as telegram 462, to Khartoum as telegram 29, and unnumbered to the Arab capitals, Paris, Rome, Moscow, and Ankara.

² In telegram 1403 from Cairo, Dec. 10, not printed, Ambassador Caffery reported that Stevenson and Naguib at their meeting on Dec. 9 had reached agreement on a number of points with the result that the British Embassy in Cairo had telegraphed the text of a proposed draft agreement based on the Egyptian note of Nov. 2 to London. (641.74/12-1052)