

rector for Mutual Security on the scope of a grant military aid program for Egypt for fiscal year 1954.

It would be greatly appreciated if the Department of Defense would consider the above question as a matter of urgency in order that an appropriate recommendation may be made to the President that he find Egypt eligible for assistance under Section 202 of the above-cited act.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Director for Mutual Security.

Sincerely yours,

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1433. Wing Comdr Hussein Xulfiqar Sabri and Major Salah Salem called this morning to discuss Sudan question with EmbOff. Egyptian officers confirmed Brit Emb analysis that agreement now in sight on all points except Gov Gen's responsibilities for southern Sudan. Officers pointed out Egyptians had already accepted formula giving Gov Gen broad powers to prevent discrimination against any area or segment of Sudanese people.

Sabri and Salem stated Egyptian refusal to accept public mention of "south" is based upon: (1) Egyptian belief that such mention wld only tend to perpetuate separationist thinking (2) that having abandoned traditional unity of Nile Valley slogan, present regime cld not publicly acknowledge split within Sudan itself without exposing itself to wrath of Egyptian public opinion.

Officers pointed out that if Brit mean what they say in stating they wish to assure protection of southerners, this is amply provided under formula which Egyptians accept. Mention of south is not necessary to attainment such protection and Egyptians feel Sudan admin, if it wishes make the effort, can persuade southerners their interests will be amply protected under proposed formula. Officers further pointed out Egypt's major interests as regards Nile water lie in south Sudan and Egypt, therefore, is even more anxious than Brit to avoid alienation of southern Sudanese. They insist however, that Natl Unionist and Umma Parties will boycott elections if

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to London as telegram 477 and unnumbered to Khartoum, Paris, the Arab capitals, Rome, and Ankara.