

cates this may be somewhat illusory in view Salem's disposition be more reasonable than higher committee.

2. Her Majesty's Government has decided and so informed Stevenson that United Kingdom must stick on essence of principles involved in: (1) Governor-General's emergency powers; (2) Governor-General's responsibility for South; and (3) Sudanization as one but not determinant factor in self-determination at end three years. Despite Foreign Office characterization of these as "sticking points", it continues express mild optimism that compromise formulas can be evolved to which both sides can agree.

3. Reports from Governor-General continue stress increasingly strong fears in South that United Kingdom will give up "safeguards" in course negotiations. Foreign Office says Northern Journalists now visiting South have been given "rough reception". Governor-General has suggested Her Majesty's Government consider making statement to reassure South regarding "safeguards," but Foreign Office not inclined do so, except possibly after agreement with Egyptians at which time might consider saying regard agreement as providing satisfactory safeguards for South.

Foreign Office does not appear concerned regarding Naguib's protest at slowness of negotiations. Embassy has not mentioned Naguib's approach to Ambassador Caffery (Cairo's 1506 Dec 23)³ since it is unsure whether matter has been mentioned to Stevenson. ⁴ Embassy suggests Cairo may wish inform British Embassy in order offset apparent British impression from Stevenson's use of word "mild" that Naguib not particularly concerned.

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³ Not printed.

⁴ Ambassador Caffery informed the Department in telegram 1516, Dec. 26, not printed, that the Embassy had informed the British Embassy of Naguib's approach to Caffery. (745W.00/12-2652)

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1287. At inter-agency mtg to consider problem econ assistance Egypt raised urtels 1407 and 1409,² it was suggested:

¹ Repeated to London as telegram 4236.

² Regarding telegram 1409, see footnote 1, Document 1046.