

No. 1056

774.5/12-2952: Telegram

*The Chargé in Egypt (McClintock) to the Department of State*¹

TOP SECRET

CAIRO, December 29, 1952—noon.

1524. Re Deptel 1292, December 26² and mytel 1522, December 27 to Department rptd London 515.³

Following is our working level comment on UK memo on defense negotiations with Egypt.⁴ You will recall that this is still subject to Ambassador Caffery's approval on his return.

We are in general agreement with basic paper. However we trust that London meeting will be able to develop concrete lists under paragraph 1(c)⁵ since basis of Naguib's original approach to US and his memo of November 10 was request for military and economic aid in return for which he was willing to consider placing Egypt on side of western allies. Meanwhile we hope Department and Defense will go ahead with plans for interim assistance.

¹ Transmitted in two sections. Sent priority to London for Byroade as telegram 516 and repeated to the Department.

From Dec. 31, 1952, until Jan. 7, 1953, an American delegation of experts headed by Assistant Secretary of State Byroade was in London for a series of talks on Egypt with their British counterparts drawn from the Foreign Office, the Treasury, and the military. Seven meetings were held during this time and the participants kept minutes of them, calling them an "Agreed Record." Appended to this record were six appendixes, which consisted of American and British working papers. The participants also considered and approved *ad referendum* five policy papers containing various annexes and appendixes. Record copies of the five official papers and the agreed record of the sessions plus the appendixes are in Department of State file 774.5/1-1453. Neither the verbatim texts of these minutes nor the documents are printed.

² *Supra*.

³ In telegram 1522 from Cairo, Dec. 27, not printed, Chargé McClintock reported to Byroade that Ambassador Caffery agreed that Embassy officials should discuss the British defense paper with the British Embassy and prepare working-level comments on it, subject to the Ambassador's approval upon his return to Cairo from Baghdad on Dec. 31. McClintock also said that he had already had two conferences with British officials and that the Embassy's preliminary comments on the defense document would be sent on Dec. 29 to Byroade in London. (774.5/12-2752)

⁴ According to the "Agreed Record" of the United States-United Kingdom Talks on Egypt, the document under reference became Paper No. 1 and was entitled "United Kingdom Memorandum on Defence Negotiations with Egypt". (774.5/1-1453)

⁵ Paragraph 1 of the "United Kingdom Memorandum on Defence Negotiations with Egypt" reads as follows:

"1. The United Kingdom is proposing to negotiate with Egypt a settlement that would involve:—

(a) Agreement over the Suez Canal base and an evacuation formula.

(b) The participation of Egypt in a Middle East Defence Organisation.

(c) A programme of military and economic assistance to Egypt." (774.5/1-1453)