

some formula. However, on south, they said that no public statement could be made which would imply that south was any different from rest of Sudan. We pointed out that British had already evidenced their willingness to include formal assurances as to unity of Sudan in agreement which would be reached with Egypt. We likewise suggested that possibly secret protocol to published accord or perhaps even a letter from British Prime Minister to Egyptian Prime Minister allaying Egyptian fears that south would be encouraged to secede might be a way out of present dilemma.

I called this morning on British Ambassador and gave him substance of above. He said that last night Naguib had telephoned for him and later he had called on Fawzi who said that reports had reached Egyptian Government suggesting that there might be demonstrations or even bodily attack on Major Salah Salem and Minister of Works, Bakhouri, during their present tour of south. Stevenson had sent urgent telegram to Khartoum reporting this *démarche* and calling attention of Governor General to deplorable effect such an incident would have on negotiations. First Secretary Burroughs of the British Embassy is now in Khartoum assisting Governor General in preparation of latter's comments on London's draft of proposed agreement. Once these have been considered by London, Stevenson expects to present final draft to Naguib.

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Subject: Israel and Grant Arms Assistance for Egypt

Discussion

The Department has written the Department of Defense proposing that a joint recommendation be made to the President that Egypt be found eligible for grant military assistance under Section 202 of the Mutual Security Act of 1951, as amended, and that \$5 to \$10 million dollars be allotted for this purpose for fiscal 1953. The JCS have approved these recommendations and we have received a formal notification to that effect from the Secretary of Defense

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