

course avoid reference to confidential reasons for action stated in letters from President to Congressional Committees. Sect 513(b) is being used for first time, but this fact should preferably not be made known since it affects other countries.

FYL. Brit have expressed concern to Byroade re economic assistance program prior initiation defense negots. While we cannot of course agree with principle that immed econ assistance be tied in with "package" approach, we wld not wish US offer coincide with or be immed subsequent to unreasonable or extreme Egypt position on Sudan agreement. We therefore leave timing of approach to Naguib on this matter to your discretion knowing you wld take above into account and wld in any event do all possible exert influence on Egyptians in manner to prevent breakdown Sudan negots.⁵

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⁵ In telegram 3962 from London, Jan. 19, not printed, Ambassador Gifford reported that he had informed the Foreign Office that the President had found Egypt eligible for economic assistance in the amount of \$10 million, but that the timing of the approach to Naguib had been left to Caffery's discretion to obviate the possibility that the offer would coincide or would follow an unreasonable Egyptian position on the Sudan. British officials found this latter point reassuring, and said that Eden hoped that this offer would obviate the necessity of granting \$10 million in interim arms assistance. (874.2311/1-1953)

In light of this telegram from London and telegram 1434, Ambassador Caffery took action, reported in telegram 1637, Jan. 20, not printed, that he had told the Egyptians informally that the wheat grant had only been approved in principle. (874.2311/1-2053)

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641.74/1-1652 Telegram

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1435. We believe that British approach re Sudan reported urtel 1652 Jan 16² is hopeful sign. As you know, Byroade in London urged British to be flexible re Governor-General's powers re South and Department has done same with Egyptians. (Deptel 1413 Jan 15)²

While you are in best position to judge timing, Department considers that any help which you might be able give shld Egyptians prove unreasonable wld be most helpful contribution toward settle-

¹ Repeated to London as telegram 4763 and to Khartoum as telegram 28.

² Not printed.