

with Allan on Jan 9 and Bowker on Jan 10 he endeavored make point that while elements should be linked, precise tactics for negotiations would be governed in large measure by degree of receptivity of Egyptians to proposals when negotiations first opened.

FYI Papers on "U.S.-U.K. Talks on Egypt" are being transmitted to Defense for approval on Jan 19. ⁵ We hope to be able to obtain USG decision re papers within ten days or so. End FYI. ⁶

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⁵ The papers from the United States-United Kingdom Talks were transmitted to the Department of Defense under cover of a letter from Secretary of State Acheson to Secretary of Defense Lovett dated Jan. 19, not printed. (780.5/1-1953)

⁶ The Department informed the Embassy in London on Feb. 17 in telegram 5460, not printed, that the Department of Defense had advised the Department of State that the Joint Chiefs of Staff were in general accord with those portions of the agreed positions set forth in papers 1 to 5 inclusive which had military implications. Moreover, the Department instructed the Embassy to consider this telegram to be the formal U.S. Government approval of the general positions agreed to during the course of the London talks. (780.5/2-1753)

No. 1083

774.56/1-1953: Telegram

The Secretary of State to the Embassy in the United Kingdom ¹

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WASHINGTON, January 19, 1953—7:44 p. m.

4805. After careful consideration Department has decided it would be unwise from point of view U.S. position Egypt and our desire to be of maximum assistance in attainment West objectives to link interim arms program with defense negotiations. We are, therefore, proceeding with staff work necessary develop interim program in final form. British may be assured however that when we make final decision re timing our offer to Egyptians, we shall most carefully examine situation existing in Egypt both in light of possibility of outbreaks involving British soldiers and in light status Sudan negotiations.

Immediately following Deptel contains list and quantity of Army and Air Force equipment desired by the Egyptians. ² List total well over 11 million dollars and includes items which could be used for guerrilla warfare. Before we attempt scale program down to fit within 11 million dollar ceiling, we should appreciate British views as to what items they would object to with respect guerrilla activi-

¹ Repeated to Cairo as telegram 1456. Drafted by Stabler and approved by Byroads.

² Telegram 4806 to London, Jan. 19, not printed. (774.56/1-1953)