

public order in Egypt. At any rate earliest we could give formal approval would probably not be before week or ten days.

3. We should appreciate British comments on list contained Deptel 4806 minus jets by January 28. As indicated Deptel 4805 we shall give due consideration to these views since we fully recognize desirability of restricting items purchased by Egyptians to those which could not be easily adapted or used for guerrilla activities. However, British must understand that since Egyptians are buying rpt buying equipment, we may have some problem, which we shall do our best to minimize, in tailoring list to meet British specifications.

4. FYI. Chairman JCS has received communication from British Chiefs of Staff representative in US recording objection to interim arms program. \* Chairman JCS replied Jan 23 to effect JCS consider matter primarily governmental and that negots between US and UK shld be left to State Dept. Reference also made to fact list being submitted for Brit screening.

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\* Presumably the reference is to a letter from Air Chief Marshal Sir William Elliot to General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, Jan. 16, not printed. (PPS files, lot 64 D 563, "Egypt, 1950-1953")

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*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in the United Kingdom* <sup>1</sup>

SECRET PRIORITY WASHINGTON, January 28, 1953—7 p. m.

5001. British Ambassador day before yesterday received message from Eden instructing him to urge upon Secretary that no final decision be reached as regards interim arms assistance to Egypt prior to direct Dulles-Eden talks in London, <sup>2</sup> and that in any event such assistance from US be delayed until after agreement on Sudan. We were informed of this development subsequent to decisions made

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<sup>1</sup> Repeated priority to Cairo as telegram 1590. It was drafted and approved by Byroade.

<sup>2</sup> Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Mutual Security Agency Director Harold E. Stassen were in Europe from Jan. 31 until Feb. 8, 1953, to conduct a series of meetings. While in London, Dulles spoke with Eden about Egyptian policy on Feb. 4. For information regarding this conversation, see telegram 4308 from London, and telegram 1583 to Cairo, Documents 1091 and 1092. For further documentation regarding the Dulles-Stassen trip to Western Europe, see vol. v, Part 2, 1953.