

curity situation. It was clear in the conversation that this commitment did not imply a British veto if after such discussions we felt we should proceed. Makins seemed satisfied with this arrangement.

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WASHINGTON, January 30, 1953—8:46 p. m.

5083. Representative British Embassy handed Department today following message from Foreign Office:

"Her Majesty's Embassy have been instructed to give the State Department the comments of Her Majesty's Government on the list of military equipment whose delivery to Egypt is contemplated and which was communicated to the Foreign Office by the United States Embassy in London.<sup>2</sup> The list has been examined by British experts and the following conclusions reached:

All items in List A, except jeeps and helmets, all items in List B except rocket containers, dozer assemblies, trailers and helmets, and all items in List C would greatly assist the Egyptians in operations against Her Majesty's forces in the Canal Zone. In fact, the list looks as if it had been especially chosen by the Egyptians with such operations in view. Practically all the items could be supplied from British sources, with similar delivery times.

"Mr. Eden is grateful for the assurance given to Her Majesty's Ambassador by Mr. Byroade that no communication will be made to the Egyptians until there has been further discussion on the timing of the delivery of such equipment. Mr. Eden remains convinced that no delivery should be made until a suitable stage has been reached in the defence negotiations and that the embargo on the supply of arms to Egypt should not be entirely lifted until these negotiations have been concluded. Mr. Eden sees the greatest possible objection to the arms in the list which was communicated to the Foreign Office being offered to the Egyptians at this juncture. He intends to speak on these lines to Mr. Dulles when he comes to London."

<sup>1</sup> Repeated priority to Cairo as telegram 1556 and priority to Paris for the Secretary of State as telegram 4150. Drafted and approved by Byroade.

<sup>2</sup> Presumably the reference is to telegram 4806 to London, Jan. 19, not printed. See footnote 2, Document 1083.