

Last paragraph of proposed US press release sent Cairo as Deptel 1789^a and being repeated to London has been changed as follows: The Honorable Jefferson Caffery, American Ambassador to Egypt, will be the principal American representative in the talks and General John E. Hull, Vice Chief of Staff of the US Army, has been designated as a special military adviser to the Ambassador. General Hull expects to leave for Cairo on March 6^b 1953.

It has been agreed with the British that it probably would be desirable to have simultaneous releases in Washington, London and Cairo providing Egyptians plan a release. It has also been agreed that the timing of such release should be recommended by Cairo.

We as well as the British here have been surprised at status given Slim in proposed London press release. This will in no way change the Caffery-Hull relationship as specified in the US release. It should be understood, however, that on technical military matters regarding base arrangements, the understanding of the two Governments is that Slim and Hull will have freedom to obtain best deal possible within their terms of reference as specified above.

We have now been informed that Slim probably cannot depart before Sunday. Unless there is some change in this General Hull will probably likewise not depart before that date. You will be kept informed.

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^a Not printed.

^b The day of the month was left blank on the source text.

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Editorial Note

Representatives of the United States and Egyptian Governments signed and thereby brought into force an agreement for a technical cooperation program for public works development on March 12, 1953. For the text, see TIAS No. 2842, printed in 4 UST (pt. 2) 1746.