

"3. Also understanding of HMG that USG does not contemplate delivery to Egypt of any lethal weapons while political situation in Egypt, and relations between Egypt and UK, remain disturbed. (While I have impression this understanding is correct, Embassy cannot find this precise wording in records which, however, indicate that an afternoon meeting at Foreign Office February 4, Secretary told Eden we would take steps to delay delivery of more lethal items so that deliveries could be held up if any hitch developed. <sup>7</sup> Also Byroade's conversations with Makins reported Deptel 5001 January 28 in which Byroade referred to tensions over Sudan and threatening statements against British troops and said he realized if this situation should grow steadily worse, we should not offer Naguib military equipment. Also Department's instructions to Caffery contained Deptel 5220 February 5 <sup>8</sup> that we are proceeding with offer military equipment on basis that satisfactory turn in Sudan negotiations will be accompanied by cessation threatening statements. In light these and any other information contained Department's files, Embassy would appreciate guidance regarding reply it should make on this paragraph.)

"4. HMG would be grateful if US Embassy could confirm that this is present position. They would also be glad know if there have been any recent developments in this matter." (Please provide information for reply this point.)

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<sup>7</sup> See telegram 4308 from London, Document 1091.

<sup>8</sup> Printed as telegram 1585, Document 1093.

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6321. Comments or confirmation points from British memorandum cited London's 5207 Mar 20 following:

- A. correct.
- B. correct.
- C. correct.
- D. correct except for 76mm ammunition. 90,000 rounds offered.
- E. Department awaiting submission revised list by Egyptians and details Egypt's ability pay.
- F. Single list submitted Feb 13 included 50,000 rounds 37mm ammunition, 945,000 rounds .30 Cal., 145,000 rounds .50 Cal. all for delivery one year.

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to Cairo as telegram 1879.