

G. Delivery times cited reftel and above correct. Periods approximate only.

H. Secretary's statement based on fact no formal arrangement yet completed with Egyptians.

3. Important objective U.S. interim arms aid program is amelioration present state U.K.-Egyptian relations. If at actual time delivery U.S. believes weapons likely be used against U.K. forces, delivery will not be made. U.S. reserves right judge whether conditions "disturbed" to degree delivery weapons inadvisable. U.S. position still essentially same as set forth Annex A paper four London talks.²

4. Grant aid for training offered. (Deptel 6168 Mar 17)³

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² The reference is to Annex A, "United States Position on Extension of Military Aid to Egypt", not printed, to Paper No. 4 of the United States-United Kingdom Talks on Egypt. (774.5/1-1453) See telegram 3642 from London, Document 1063.

³ Not printed; telegram 6168 to London, Mar. 17, was also transmitted to Cairo as telegram 1833. See footnote 2, Document 1120.

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774.5/2-2453: Telegram

*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Egypt*¹

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1883. From the Secretary to Caffery. British Embassy delivered note March 21 stating UK considering renewed approach to Egypt on basis "package proposal."² Said UK would not seek to define in advance order discussion five points, but would not sign binding agreement pending satisfactory understandings on all. Note emphasized UK belief success approach depends largely on attitude US, and requested US support in following ways:

Verbatim text. "A. By making it plain to the Egyptian Government that they (US) will provide no further economic or military assistance to Egypt unless the Egyptian Government are prepared to open negotiations on the basis set out above;

"B. By making it clear to the Egyptians that they give their full support to the 'package proposal' and that they regard agreements on the five points as interdependent;

¹ Repeated priority to London as telegram 6341 and by pouch to Paris and Ankara. Drafted and approved by Byroade for transmission after obtaining clearance in draft from the Secretary of State and the Under Secretary of State.

² See footnote 3, Document 1062.