

tained during their courses of instruction, and to extend appropriate facilities and assistance, including where necessary the furnishing of local currency, in such amounts as may be agreed, ² to United States personnel in Egypt engaged in carrying out United States responsibilities under this agreement.

I have the honor to propose that, if these understandings meet with the approval of the Government of Egypt, the present note and your note in reply constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, effective on the date of your Excellency's reply, to remain in force until one year after the receipt by either Party of written notice of the intention of the other Party to terminate it. ³ Accept, Excellency, etc.

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² On Apr. 8 in telegram 2207, not printed, Caffery requested that the phrase "including where necessary the furnishing of local currency in such amounts" be deleted from the text of the proposed agreement even before it was presented to the Egyptians. (774.5 MSP/4-853) The Department concurred in telegram 2003 to Cairo, Apr. 14, not printed. (774.5 MSP/4-853)

³ On May 6 in telegram 2374, not printed, Ambassador Caffery reported that the revised text of airgram A-329 had been handed to Ali Sabry on Apr. 18, who, in turn, had given it to Nasser for his consideration. Caffery went on to say that Nasser had not as yet considered it. (774.5 MSP/5-653)

No. 1136

774.5/8-3053: Telegram

The Ambassador in Egypt (Caffery) to the Department of State ¹

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CAIRO, March 30, 1953—3 p. m.

2162. Egypt as predicted mytel 2153 ² consider British proposal for negotiations on five points of package deal completely unacceptable.

In lengthy discussion last night between Embassy officer and Lt. Colonel Nasir and Majors Salah Salim and Hakim Amir following facts emerged:

1. Nasir stands almost alone in RCC in urging continuing attempt to arrive at negotiated settlement with British. He himself has little hope of success but wishes leave no course untried.

2. Egyptians allege that British performance in Sudan (Embtel 2163) ³ is rapidly convincing them that any base agreement reached with British would soon prove unworkable.

3. "Impossible" British proposal coming directly on heels of President's letter to Naguib looked to Egyptians like collusion be-

¹ Repeated to London as telegram 718.

² Not printed; see footnote 3, Document 1134.

³ Not printed.