

tian Government recognizes and has no intention of interference with, the right of the British Government to direct the shipment of its equipment and supplies in the base to areas and forces outside Egypt.

(h) That the Committee will not concern itself with the duration in time of the arrangements which it proposes. This will be determined by the two delegations."

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Editorial Note

Telegram 2423, May 13, personal for Acting Secretary Smith from Dulles in Cairo, reported on discussions between British and Egyptian officials. For text, see Document 7.

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774.56/5-1353: Telegram

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

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CAIRO, May 13, 1953—noon.

2424. Personal for Smith from Secretary. In view of situation in Egypt which I am reporting Washington by separate messages do not believe Department should present list of equipment which they may purchase to Egyptian authorities at this time. Suggest you explain Egyptians Washington that matter must be held until my return. While subject this particular equipment did not arise I made it clear here that United States could not furnish Egypt equipment in present tense situation.

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¹ Repeated to London for the Ambassador as telegram 779.