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Editorial Note

Representatives of the United States and Egyptian Governments signed and thereby brought into force a Technical Cooperation Agreement to establish programs for agriculture, forestry, and fisheries on May 21, 1953. For the texts, see TIAS No. 2480, printed in 4 UST (pt. 2) 1716.

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Memorandum of Discussion at the 145th Meeting of the National Security Council, Wednesday, May 20, 1953

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Present at the 145th meeting of the Council were the President of the United States, presiding; the Vice President of the United States: the Acting Secretary of State: the Secretary of Defense: and the Acting Director for Mutual Security. Also present were the Secretary of the Treasury; the Director of Defense Mobilization; the United States Representative to the United Nations; the Secretary of the Army; the Secretary of the Navy; the Secretary of the Air Force; Lt. Gen. Willis D. Crittenberger, USA (Ret.) (for item 2); the Director of Central Intelligence; the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army (for item 3); the Chief of Naval Operations (for item 3); General Twining for the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force (for item 3); the Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps (for item 3); Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the President; C. D. Jackson, Special Assistant to the President; Maj. Gen. Clark L. Ruffner, USA (for item 2); Lt. Col. Edward Black, USA (for item 2); Col. Paul T. Carroll, Military Liaison Officer; the Executive Secretary, NSC; and the Deputy Executive Secretary, NSC.

There follows a summary of the discussion at the meeting and the chief points taken.

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The Director of Central Intelligence informed the Council that the situation in Egypt had lately taken a critical turn. Since Naguib had announced the break-up of the conversations with the