

- d) Facilities and Western personnel involved to be kept to minimum and every effort made train Egyptian personnel. Western personnel to be assigned in guise of training missions.
- e) Commitment to be secret but provide that formal agreement be concluded on above lines before evacuation of British troops.

3) Resumption and conclusion UK-Egyptian talks on evacuation and future of base in accordance Secretary's formula (being sent separate telegram to London).⁵ Start of evacuation UK combat troops.

4) Conclusion of open agreement covering points listed under 2 but ostensibly unconnected to evacuation. This sequence will provide RCC major political victory and meet its slogan of "unconditional evacuation".

5) US economic and military aid to Egypt dependent on conclusion both agreements, and of course on Congressional authorization.

6) Deferral efforts obtain multilateral Middle East Defense Organization.

Cairo and London comments requested.

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⁵ Secretary of State Dulles' formula transmitted to London in telegram 7551, May 22, not printed (641.74/5-2358) was the same proposal that he had advanced in telegram 2422 from Cairo, Document 1162.

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999. Following from Caffery. In working up tentative recommendations on Egyptian problem (Deptel 2251 to Cairo)² Department appears not to have taken sufficient account of following considerations:

1. Although Western stock is at a low ebb in the Middle East considerable hope now prevails (at least in Egypt) that as result of Secretary's visit United States will adopt a new role of leadership in this area.

2. The first and in many ways the crucial test of the incipient renaissance of faith in United States leadership will come in Egypt where the attainment of United States foreign policy objectives is

¹ Also sent to Istanbul for the Secretary of State as telegram 1, and repeated to London as telegram 61 and to Cairo as telegram 131.

² Printed as telegram 1665 to Karachi, *supra*.