

Also, on the conclusion of agreement on evacuation and the future maintenance of the Base, Naguib might publicly invite the United Kingdom and the United States to help develop the defense of Egypt, including training and equipping of the Egyptian forces. In response to this initiative, we could jointly negotiate the necessary formal defense requirements of the West, as well as assistance to Egypt. The results of these negotiations could be made public. Meanwhile, as I think you know, Foster, at your request, is presently deferring any arms aid to Egypt.

Once agreements of the nature described were reached with the Egyptians, we would be prepared to insist uncompromisingly on their being carried out in good faith. This determination could be made unequivocally clear to the Egyptians.

I am sorry to bother you with this before we can talk together at Bermuda but the possible danger from the situation to us all is so much on my mind that I intrude these ideas at this time in accordance with the spirit which has animated our full and frank exchanges of views."

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*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in the United Kingdom:*¹

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7865. Given below is amplification Department's thinking re message from President to Churchill contained Deptel 7841. Information is for use by Holmes (in Aldrich's absence) to extent he may feel advisable in explanations to British. (FYI. Regret not possible consult Aldrich re this series telegrams. End FYI)

General consideration behind message is that while basic US-UK objectives remain unchanged, attainment concurrently or immediately of five items included in "package proposals"² impossible. Political conditions Egypt necessitate adjustment to long-range effort, accepting calculated risks involved for immediate future. Emphasis to be placed on eliminating factors causing friction between Western powers and Egypt, and creation essential confidence. Although forcible measures would permit retention present position for period, such course would destroy remnants of good will in area

¹ Repeated to Cairo as telegram 2337. Drafted by Burdett and approved by Byroade.

² See footnote 3, Document 1082.