

From our point of view only constructive note was that Churchill would not object to US advising Egyptians to resume talks. Robertson's memorandum put forward thesis that Secretary's formula very little better than what Egyptians had already offered and very little better than Case C. Memorandum stated Robertson had already given Churchill his views as to why he considered British should reject Case B⁵ and therefore formula "unacceptable." Memorandum contained, however, following statement: "I may be too optimistic, but I believe that we could get an agreement which retains the essentials of Case A provided that resumption of discussions is not too long delayed, and that you can accept certain concessions of form to pander to Egyptian conceit."

I consider it most important that specifics contained Deptels 2337, 2338 and 2339 to Cairo,⁶ as well as Churchill's message described herein, remain unknown to Egyptians at this time. President's reply to Churchill and further instructions to London will be sent shortly. Pending their receipt, matter should not be discussed further with British.

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⁵ Regarding "Cases C and B", see Document 1061.

⁶ Printed as telegrams 7865, 7841, and 7866 to London, Documents 1180, 1179 and 1181, respectively.

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The Secretary of State to the Embassy in the United Kingdom

TOP SECRET

WASHINGTON, June 17, 1953—6:31 p. m.

8010. For the Ambassador. In connection with the President's reply¹ to Churchill's June 15 message and instructions on Egypt being cabled to you² Department is airpouching (1) Churchill's message (2) General Robertson's memo which was appended³ (3) Under Secretary's memo of March 10⁴ setting out his understanding of US-UK agreement on negotiating flexibility between Cases A and B.⁴ This agreement is referred to in today's instructions. If Items (1) and (2) above not available through Foreign Office and required urgently, they will be cabled on request.

¹ Transmitted in telegram 8011, *infra*.

² See telegram 8013 to London, Document 1188.

³ Not printed.

⁴ See Document 1061.