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

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35. For the Secretary. The following is verbatim text of Egyptian proposal for Base Agreement. Proposal must be considered in context covering message from Naguib to President which will follow shortly.

*Begin Verbatim.*

Egypt and the United Kingdom hereby accept the following understandings with respect to certain of the points pertaining to their discussions:

*I. Technical Management Over the Base*

- a. An Egyptian officer shall assume command over the Base.
- b. A British officer (footnote: Technical Adviser and technicians shall be in civilian clothes) shall be appointed to the staff of the Egyptian Base Commander as Technical Adviser. He shall be responsible to the Base Commander for the training of Egyptian personnel in the functions performed by the British technicians remaining in the Base. He shall also be in charge of British technicians.
- c. Messages from the British War Office pertaining to technical matters shall be sent directly to the Base Communications Center.
- d. The Communications Center shall route action copies of such messages to the Technical Adviser and information copies to the Base Commander.
- e. Disagreements between the Base Commander and the Technical Adviser over action that is taken by the Technical Adviser on messages from the British War Office shall be referred for settlement to diplomatic channels or other established procedures.

*II. Movement of Material to and From the Base.*

- a. The United Kingdom shall be accorded full rights to move any British material in or out of the Base to any point and at any time at its discretion. There shall be no major increase above the level of supplies existing at the time this Agreement is signed without Egypt's consent.

*III. Number of Technicians*

- a. The number of British technicians to remain after withdrawal of British troops shall be fixed at 4,000 which is the absolute minimum required for the efficient operation of the installations.