

pared assist in Egypt's economic development plans and in strengthening Egyptian Armed Forces.

Comment: Although conversation did not bring to light any significant changing Egyptian position, Embassy officer was highly encouraged by Nasir's general attitude and frame of mind which showed greater degree of political realism and maturity than ever before.

CAFFERY

No. 1210

641.74/8-753: Telegram

*The Acting Secretary of State to the Embassy in Egypt*¹

SECRET

WASHINGTON, August 7, 1953—7:52 p. m.

155. Egyptian Ambassador stated following based on telephone conversation with Cairo re Anglo-Egyptian discussions August 6:

1. British adopted extreme bargaining position.
2. UK suggested Base agreement should last ten years and technicians should remain throughout period. Ambassador described this as utterly unacceptable.
3. British proposed Base should be available in case of general war or aggression against Egypt, any Arab State, Turkey or Iran. Ambassador said this unacceptable. Asserted Egypt must retain right determine when threat exists, otherwise UK could conjure up threat at any time.
4. Next meeting scheduled August 11.

SMITH

¹ Repeated to London as telegram 683.

No. 1211

641.74/8-853: Telegram

*The Ambassador in Egypt (Caffery) to the Department of State*¹

SECRET

CAIRO, August 8, 1953—3 p. m.

187. British Embassy expanded as follows today regarding Anglo-Egyptian talk August 6 (Embassy's 177, August 7):²

¹ Repeated to London.

² Not printed. Telegram 177 conveyed "preliminary information" regarding the Anglo-Egyptian talks on Aug. 6. (641.74/8-753)