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*The Ambassador in Egypt (Caffery) to the Department of State*<sup>1</sup>

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292. Noform. Under my harassment Minister Foreign Affairs admitted to me today that Egyptians would be prepared eventually [to extend] agreements they are offering British for duration. As their absolute last word they might agree to allow British one year for evacuation with verbal understanding that Egypt would not object if evacuation took a little longer. The five year duration for the agreement would begin at the end of the one year period.

I said "why can't you let the technicians stay for the whole period?" He replied "we probably could let them stay for all 6 years but the latter part of their stay would have to be by way of or in disguise of 'inspectors'".

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293. Re Embtel 292 to Department. Nasir told me last night that he would accept terms discussed yesterday with the Minister Foreign Affairs; but that, that is his last word. Furthermore Egyptians would not propose those terms but they would agree to them if "Washington does something about them with the British." He said "if we propose them, British will take them as that much gained and then start bargaining for more from there."

He talked at some length about the rising opposition within the country to the negotiations that are now going on with the British and of the opposition that the government will have to meet forcefully if an agreement is reached with the British. Also, if an agree-

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