

Re uniforms, Foreign Office, while entirely agreeing with Department that problem will not arise until after British forces withdrawn by which time popular feeling toward British should have materially altered, believes British will have to continue insisting on formula presented to Egyptians at last meeting. Foreign Office still hopeful, however, talks will not break down on this point and thinks if agreement can be reached on availability Egyptians will give in on uniforms.

Asked when British planning make next approach to Egypt, official stated no such intention since British position remains (Embtel 1780, October 23 and 1857, October 29)<sup>2</sup> that next move is up to Egyptians. Department's understanding this connection therefore appears erroneous. Official added that although UK still desires agreement and believes Egyptians do too, both sides now seem to be coming around to belief it might be best await outcome Sudan elections.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Not printed.

<sup>2</sup> The Embassy in London in telegram 2112, Nov. 16, not printed, reported that Eden had examined the proposed wording regarding availability and uniforms as transmitted by the Department in telegram 2570, *supra*, and had approved the preliminary line taken by the Foreign Office as reported in this telegram. The British attitude on both points was still that they had made their position plain to the Egyptians, and that it was up to Egypt to propose new language. (641.74/11-1653)

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2603. For Eden from Secretary. We have reached point in Israeli-Arab relations where it is of utmost importance to announce allotment economic aid to Arabs to counter recent announcement economic aid allotment to Israel. The only place where we would be in shape promptly to make an economic allotment of substantial size is Egypt. We have been holding up all assistance to Egypt in effort help settlement Suez matter. However this settlement has dragged out to a point where we cannot continue much longer without very grave effect upon our Arab relationships. If you felt that it was likely there would soon be new moves in Suez matter which might

<sup>1</sup> Drafted and approved by the Secretary of State.