

agreement unless they accepted. Eden said could never publicly support US aid prior to agreement. When asked if they could support aid as part of agreement (rather than subsequent to agreement) he was cautious but stated would think it over. He was then given following availability formula as suggestion with stipulation we didn't know how Egyptians would react:

"Egypt and the UK fully recognize their obligations under the United Nations Charter and the Uniting-for-Peace Resolution of the General Assembly regarding collective security measures, and their application to the use of the base in the event of a threat to the peace or a breach of the peace or an act of aggression by an outside power."

Eden said they would study carefully and let us have their reaction.

Secy seeing Egyptian Amb here tomorrow. Caffery should await report of line to be taken by Secy with him prior to discussions in Cairo.

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*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Egypt*<sup>1</sup>

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649. For Caffery. Secy saw Egyptian Ambassador today re Bermuda. Secy said he personally convinced after long discussions with Brit that they could not, from domestic political point of view, make further concessions of substance. He explained situation in London, including Zionist impact upon Labor Party; revolt in Conservative Party, effect of Sudanese elections, etc., as outlined in Deptel 638 to Cairo, repeated London 3041. Secy felt that Eden had accurately portrayed situation in London which was confirmed by our own independent reporting.

Secy stated he felt it impossible for us to accomplish anything by further urging Britain to make further concessions under above conditions. He felt it now up to Egypt to weigh seriously facts of the situation. He urged strongly that Egypt consider advantages of seeking agreement along lines now apparently possible as contrasted with grave effects of non-agreement. Choice of these two alternatives now revolved about two specific issues of relative non-im-

<sup>1</sup> Repeated priority to London for Ambassador Aldrich as telegram 3095. Drafted and approved by Byroade after being cleared in draft with the Secretary of State.