

press the determination of both parties to uphold the 1888 Convention<sup>2</sup> guaranteeing the freedom of navigation of the Canal.

13. Air matters are dealt with in Annex II attached.

14. There will be many questions of detail to be covered in the drafting of the Agreement, including the defence of the Base, the storage of oil, the financial arrangements necessary, the status of the British personnel and their dependents, and other detailed matters of importance to both sides. These will be settled by friendly Agreement in negotiations which will begin forthwith. *End Verbatim Text.*

*Annex I*—Consists of first four paragraphs of Section VIII "Organisation of the Base" of enclosure to London's Despatch 2275 Dec 29<sup>3</sup> rptd Cairo (Paragraphs 5 through 10 omitted) with following added:

*Verbatim Text.*

(a) After consultation with the Assistant Base Commander, the Base Commander may request the replacement of any British technicians for indiscipline.

(b) The Base Commander will be responsible for ensuring that after the completion of the withdrawal of British Forces the level of equipment in the Base will not be appreciably increased nor the installations appreciably extended without the consent of the Egyptian Government. *End Verbatim Text.*

*Annex II*—Substantially same as Section VII "Air Matters" of enclosure to London's Despatch 2275.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> The reference is to the Convention between Great Britain, Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Russia, Spain, and Turkey, respecting the Free Navigation of the Suez Maritime Canal signed at Constantinople, Oct. 29, 1888; Great Britain, *British and Foreign State Papers* (London, HMSO, n.d.), vol. 79 (1887-1888), pp. 18-22 (French text).

<sup>3</sup> For text of Section VIII of the enclosure to despatch 2275, see the editorial note, *infra*.

<sup>4</sup> For text of Section VII of the enclosure to despatch 2275, see the editorial note, *infra*.

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### *Editorial Note*

Annexes I and II of the Heads of Agreement consist of Sections VIII and VII, respectively, of the enclosure to despatch 2275 from London, December 29, 1953. (641.74/12-2953) See footnotes 3 and 4, *supra*. The texts of those sections follow: