

maintaining a facade correct relations. The measures taken are likely to be progressively increased in severity. Whatever other course they may adopt, RCC would almost certainly launch an anti-British political propaganda campaign through the UNO and Arab League States.

End Verbatim Text.

Full text joint estimate will be pouched Washington, London, Berlin tomorrow.

CAFFERY

No. 1278

641.74/2-954: Telegram

The Secretary of State to the Department of State

TOP SECRET NIACT

BERLIN, February 9, 1954—noon.

Dulte 55. Limit distribution. For President, copy for Acting Secretary. From Secretary. Eden giving considerable concern here to Egyptian problem. Says question of whether to try to settle with Egyptians will be dealt with Wednesday Cabinet meeting. He is strongly urging that conditions are ripe now for settlement, and he hopes Cabinet will go along, although he admits Winston very difficult.

DULLES

No. 1279

741.58374/2-954: Telegram

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

SECRET

CAIRO, February 9, 1954—3 p. m.

891. Nasir last night asked Embassy Officer what British position was regarding his offer to me to extend availability formula to include case of attack on Turkey (mytel 836, January 26). He said he had not yet taken matter up in RCC and saw no point in doing so unless British reaction favorable.

Embassy Officer referred to Eden's absence from London and said British have not yet taken position on matter. (Nasir, incidentally, remarked that at time of Robertson's visit to London in July, British were insisting on inclusion of Turkey and Iran in availability formula but subsequently dropped Iran. He also alleged that

¹ Repeated to London as telegram 295.