

and Iran if possible; and that UN formula was brought in as second best when Egyptians refused to agree to inclusion of Turkey. My British colleague is of opinion that maximum availability formula obtainable would be inclusion of Turkey and Iran and next best Turkey alone without Iran. British community here are back of British Embassy in believing that London would be lucky to obtain the inclusion of Turkey.

Stevenson told me the other day there were some indications London might be getting ready to move on this. Writer G. F. Eliot, who has been supporting British stand, told me few days ago that he understood that what British were after regarding availability was inclusion of Turkey and Iran.

Nasir is out of town for few days but upon his return I shall take first available opportunity to suggest that he talk directly to Stevenson about Turkey.

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*The Acting Secretary of State to the Embassy in Egypt*

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955. Following is report of Secretary's conversation with Eden Feb 17 Berlin:

Egypt. Eden indicated that if Iran could be included with Turkey, he personally would be satisfied and ready to make concession on uniforms.

However, he said Churchill was very difficult on this subject, and he could not be confident of result until he saw situation after return to London. He said that if no new agreement could be reached they would have to get along as best they could under the present treaty, and I said I thought we would then have to give economic aid to Egypt, particularly having regard to Soviet proposal regarding upper dam. Eden seemed acquiescent.

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*Editorial Note*

Representatives of the United States and Egypt on February 23 and February 24 signed a Technical Cooperation Agreement which