

(6) UK rep said all talks in nature gen chats with no conclusive results.

(7) Re Habbaniyah and Shaiba UK counselor Beeley in separate conversation with Ireland said he did not believe subj discussed; described UK position as "letting sleeping dogs lie". On other hand, Tahsin Qadri, chief Royal Palace informally volunteered to asst army attaché that "There is some activity" with regard changing status those two bases.

(8) Beeley said visit Air Vice Marshal Baker routine leave-taking.

(9) Visit Sir Roger Makins, Under Secy FonOff largely concerned economic matters and is being summarized in separate tel.⁷

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⁷ Telegram 687 from Baghdad, Feb. 28, not printed. It reported that Makins' visit to Iraq was merely incidental to a trip he had made to the Persian Gulf area. He had, however, briefed Embassy representatives on Britain's economic crisis and had talked to the head of the National Bank and other Iraqis on the same topic. (741.56387/2-2852) Makins was appointed Ambassador to the United States in December 1952.

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741.56387/3-652 Telegram

*The Ambassador in the United Kingdom (Gifford) to the Department of State*¹

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3866. Further to Embtel 3767, Feb. 29.² FonOff informs us that for some time HMG has been studying question courses it might take in event Nuri moves to revise Anglo-Iraqi treaty.³ FonOff thinks Nuri himself wld be inclined let treaty live out its life but it recognizes that political pressures may be such that he will feel compelled call for revision.

In course informal conversations in past between Nuri and Troutbeck⁴ former has indicated he personally wld feel that ar-

¹ Repeated to Baghdad.

² Not printed; it reported the Embassy believed General Robertson's visit was for the purpose of seeing how Iraq was progressing on the British plan for the expansion of the Iraqi Army. (741.56387/2-2952)

³ Treaty of Alliance between the United Kingdom and Iraq, signed at Baghdad, June 30, 1930, with annex and exchanges of notes of the same date. Texts are in British Cmd. 3797, Treaty Series No. 15 (1931) or League of Nations Treaty Series, vol. CXXXII, p. 363. An unofficial text is in J. C. Hurewitz, *Diplomacy in the Near and Middle East, A Documentary Record: Volume II, 1914-1956* (New York, D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc., 1956), pp. 178-181.

⁴ Sir John Monro Troutbeck, British Ambassador in Iraq.