

the principles proposed in Section 5 of the memorandum, the Department of State planned to communicate them to the British through diplomatic channels. Copies of the letter and memorandum were transmitted to the Director of the Foreign Operations Administration as attachments to a letter, dated October 2, from the Acting Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Mutual Security Affairs. The letter to Stassen was mainly concerned with military aid to Egypt and informed him that a similar letter was being sent to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. (774.5 MSP/10-253)

After several discussions between Department of State officers and the British, on December 28 the British also presented a draft statement of principles on the same topic. Subsequent conversations between the Departments of State and Defense resulted in a revised draft tentative statement of principles which was transmitted to the British Embassy. No memoranda of conversation with the British have been found in Department of State files. The above information was taken from a memorandum by Byroade to the Deputy Under Secretary of State, dated January 5, 1954, and a letter by the Deputy Under Secretary of State to the Secretary of Defense, dated January 11, asking for Defense comment on the final draft of the statement of principles. Documentation is in Department of State file 787.5 MSP/1-1154. For additional information, see footnote 1, *infra*.

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*Memorandum of Understanding Between the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom, Initialed at Washington, February 26, 1954*<sup>1</sup>

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF MILITARY AID TO IRAQ BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

Representatives of the Governments of the United States and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland met in

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<sup>1</sup> The source text, a copy of the original Memorandum of Understanding, was attached to a memorandum by Byroade to Deputy Under Secretary of State Murphy, dated Mar. 4. The Byroade memorandum stated that on Feb. 26 Harold Beeley, on behalf of the United Kingdom, and Byroade for the United States, had initialed the Memorandum of Understanding. The memorandum informed Murphy that the

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