

tion to meet the requirements of the Iraqi Air Force for certain types of equipment or training, the Government of the United States would, after conferring with the Government of the United Kingdom, consider providing such equipment and training.

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

Minute on Paragraph 5

Representatives of the United States Government informed representatives of the United Kingdom Government that it was not anticipated that any spaces could be made available for Iraqi candidates in United States training schools during the present fiscal year, ending June 30, 1954. In the succeeding fiscal year, ending June 30, 1955, it was possible that some spaces might be found. However, in view of the fact that present plans for 1955, which are already far advanced, include no provision for Iraq, the number of such spaces would be necessarily limited.

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787.5 MSP/3-2754: Telegram

The Ambassador in Iraq (Berry) to the Department of State

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BAGHDAD, March 27, 1954—noon.

569. Reference paragraph 1 Deptel 523 of March 25. ¹ Embassy realizes its telegraphic reporting is not as complete as might be. We have . . . and one active code clerk, who, with some of the rest of us, work overtime seven days a week. With the need to report telegraphically our fight against Communism, cabinet crises, floods and other national disasters, as well as progress of our negotiations, we have to limit ourselves.

In connection with this problem, which is basically that of personnel, I call attention of Department to fact that shortly after

¹ Not printed. In the paragraph under reference here, the Department of State stated it was handicapped in arriving at a position that both the United States and Iraq could accept by a lack of detailed analysis from the Embassy as to the real motivation of the Iraqis on the contested points in the MDA Agreement. (787.5 MSP/3-2454)