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NSC BRIEFING

25 March 1954

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THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION

I. Internal Situation.

A. Egyptian internal situation continues confused.

1. Nagib-Nasr still in behind-scene conflict.

*Nagib want them - Nasr against*

2. Return Nagib's former offices victory over Nasr-dominated RCC.

3. His future role and authority undefined.

4. Claims he now possesses veto over RCC, [REDACTED]

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5. Continued maneuvering within RCC expected. *Nagib works*

B. Popular demand parliament government poses problems military regime.

*with Wafd - Moslem Rev. Movement*

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1. Control June elections difficult without effective political organization.
  2. RCC plans retain authority after elections.
  3. Faces problem control opposition with relaxation censorship.
  4. Extremist Moslem Brotherhood and politicians already exploiting announcement elections.
  5. Unrestricted political activity challenge to RCC.
- C. Deteriorating security situation Suez area another difficult problem for regime.

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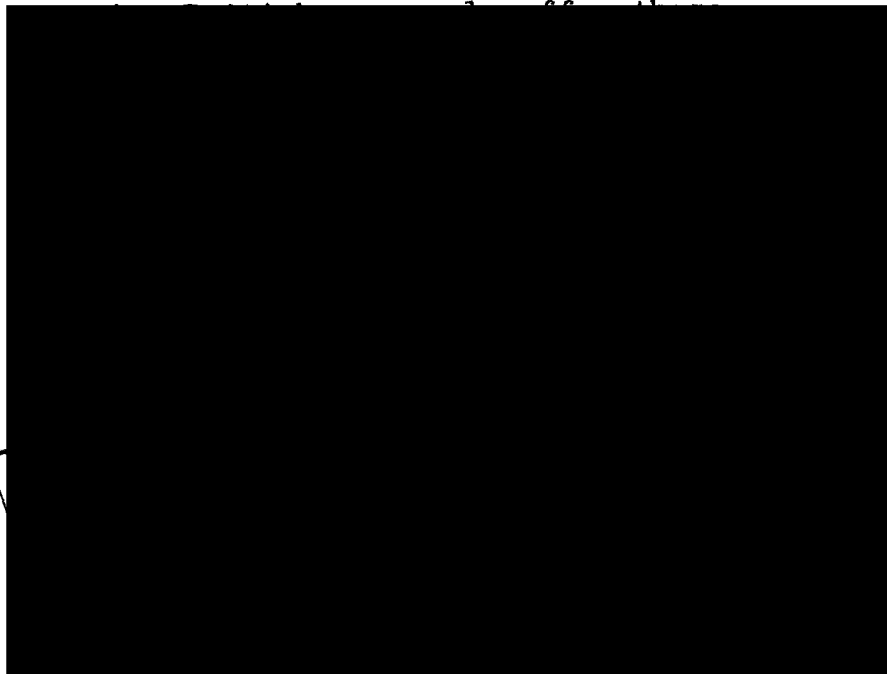
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III. Prospects.

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B. Despite problems genuine Egyptian  
desire early settlement. Important  
political victory. Prospects good  
if:

1. Immediately negotiated, before  
June election campaign results  
intemperate utterances.

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2. Complete evacuation publicized and sold people.
  3. Nagib and Nasr work together.  
Possibly crucial point.
- C. Regime controlled National Liberation Rally and commercial elements likely support settlement.
- D. Nationalist Wafd, Moslem Brotherhood, and Communists may oppose. May find opposition difficult, however, if settlement publicized as "complete evacuation."