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ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS  
APPLY

FEBRUARY 14, 1974

IMMEDIATE

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: AMBASSADOR EILTS, CAIRO 117

1. WALDMANN AND SAMSON ARRIVED LAST NIGHT. IN ASHRUF MARWAN'S ABSENCE, I ARRANGED THAT THEY MEET WITH ENGINEER GALAL AT HIS OFFICE. THEY HAVE JUST RETURNED AND SAMSON ASKS THAT FOLLOWING BE PASSED TO DR. J. V. CHARYK OF COMSAT:

QUOTE  
WILL HAVE MORE DETAILS AFTER SATURDAY MEETING BUT APPARENTLY DECISION HAS BEEN MADE HERE TO LEASE FROM COMSAT A 32-FOOT EARTH STATION. REPRESENTATIVE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE IN U.S. AROUND 11 MARCH TO SIGN CONTRACT. SUGGEST OWENS AND POTTS START ON LOCATING EQUIPMENT AND DRAFTING CONTRACT. INCLUDED WOULD BE INSTALLATION AS WELL AS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR PERIOD REQUIRED TO TRAIN LOCAL PERSONNEL. MAY NEED ENGINEER TO VISIT HERE QUICKLY BUT WILL KNOW MORE AFTER SATURDAY MEETING. PLAN ON LEAVING AS SCHEDULED BUT THIS MAY CHANGE AFTER SATURDAY MEETING. AM GETTING MATT NIELSON OVER HERE TOMORROW SO WE WILL HAVE FOLLOW-UP CAPABILITIES.

UNQUOTE

2. FURTHER MEETINGS WITH MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL ARE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, AND I HAD HOPED TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH MARWAN. WE ARE NOW TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT MARWAN WILL NOT BE BACK UNTIL FEBRUARY

26. IF TECHNICAL DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT AT MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS LEVEL, A MEETING WITH MARWAN IS

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PROBABLY NOT NECESSARY.

3. IN INTEREST EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERY ONCE CONTRACT IS FINALIZED, WE MAY WANT TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF USAF AIRLIFTING TEMPORARY STATION. SEA TRANSPORT IS INTERMINABLY SLOW. IT IS TOO SOON TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS NOW, BUT I WANTED TO FLAG IT TO YOUR ATTENTION.

4. WARM REGARDS.

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