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Aide memoire re question of British
and French nationals in Egypt.

AIDE MEMOIRE

In the light of conversations which I have had between 10 and 16 January the situation as regards the question of British and French nationals in Egypt may be summarized as follows:

1. The number of British and French nationals who have left Egypt since the end of October 1956 up to 7 January 1957, on the basis of statistics obtained from the shipping and airlines companies, seems to be as follows:

	<u>British</u>	<u>French</u>
Left by ship	3197	3998
Left by plane	1710	2564
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Totals	4907	6562
Grand total of British and French combined	11,469	

2. These figures include those who have left on their own initiative and those who were ordered or invited to leave Egypt. The great majority seem to fall within the first category, and increases in the number of those who were either ordered or advised to leave (which in my memorandum of 12 December 1956 was given, on the basis of information from the Ministry of the Interior, as being 3439) seem to have been of minor significance (in the order of about a hundred). Mr. de Keller is of the opinion that the system "has slowed down considerably".
3. The statistics of departures in paragraph 1 above were given to me by Mr. de Keller. I think they may be considered reliable since they tally

with those I obtained from an American diplomat here, and especially since Maj. Fouad of the Ministry of the Interior did not seem to object to their approximate accuracy when I casually mentioned them to him without indication of source, although he seemed inclined to believe that the correct figure would be something like 1,500 less.

4. Summing up, it may be stated that the greater part of the British and French colonies in Egypt has already left the country and that the exodus is likely to continue, even without any further governmental action, for the reason which I feel was aptly put by the same American diplomat I previously referred to when he said to me that they had arrived at the conclusion that "there is no future for them in Egypt".

Cairo, 16 January 1957