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1 cable from U.K. Foreign Office  
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FOLLG FOR DAWNAY FROM ADMIRALTY TEL NO 011253Z BEGINS:-

U K DEL TEL NO 1461 PARA 3.

THREE SUCTION DREDGERS OWNERS ACKERMANN AND VAN HAAREN OF ANTWERP ARE AT PORT SAID IN SERVICEABLE CONDITION.

2. PARTICULARS: PAX AND POLOGNE 1500 HP CAPACITY 600 CUBIC METRES PER HOUR TO DEPTH 16 METRES AND POLYP, CAPACITY 250 CUBIC METRES DEPTH 11 METRES. ALL FITTED WITH CUTTERS CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH HARD GROUND UP TO SANDSTONE.

3. MIXED BELGIAN AND EGYPTIAN CREWS DESERTED AND UNDERSTAND BELGIAN OFFICERS HAVE LEFT EGYPT. THEY WILL BE REQUIRED HERE WHEN DREDGERS ARE PUT IN SERVICE AND ARE LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED WHEN EL FIR DAN BRIDGE IS OPENED.

4. DREDGER COMMISSIONED BY FRENCH WAS GRAB TYPE AND THEREFORE OF SMALL CAPACITY.