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D.H.'s memorandum (draft) on talks
with President Nasser and Foreign Minister
M. Fawzi in Cairo, Egypt.

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At Cairo, 30 April 1956

In new and searching talks with Colonel Nasser

and Dr. Fawzi, I have ~~again~~ covered the general problems

raised by the Israeli stand on Articles VII and VIII. ~~These~~
~~talks have confirmed my conviction of the peaceful intentions~~

~~of the Egyptian Government.~~ I am convinced that if, thanks

to the ~~goodwill~~ ^{efforts} of the Governments concerned, and through the
~~present efforts~~ ^{new approach}, we manage to ~~establish~~ ^{maintain} quiet along ~~borders~~ ^{the},

the Egyptian Government, both on the points ^s indicated by ~~me~~
~~Israel~~ ^{on} and ^{in a near future} other points, will take steps in the direction of

the re-establishment of normal, peaceful conditions. Specifically,

I am sure that, if agreement is reached on implementation of

Articles VII and VIII, the Egyptian Government will liquidate

the concentration of troops on Sinai and in other neighbouring

parts.

The formal stand of the Government of Egypt is that, as part of the compliance with the Armistice Agreement, they must insist on compliance with Articles VII and VIII.³⁰

However, from a practical, political point of view, they regard compliance with Articles VII and VIII ~~just~~ as a part of a reciprocal step by step move in the direction of a reduction of tension, ~~possibly with gradual improvement of the atmosphere and cumulatively contributing to such improvement.~~

Although ~~it is recognized that the~~ time factor is involved, ~~but~~ they regard it as essential that no uncertainty is left concerning the willingness ~~at an early stage,~~ in anticipation of further ~~rules,~~ ~~full implementation is given to the~~ essential substantive clauses in the Armistice Agreement.³⁰