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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR AUGUST 11-14 SECURITY
- ASSISTANCE CONSULTATIONS WITH EGYPT

REFS: A. STATE 184337, B. STATE 200000 (NOTAL)

1. ENTIRE TEXT

2. MCGIFFERT TEAM WILL ARRIVE CAIRO AUGUST 10 FOR CONSULTATIONS ON LONGER-TERM SECURITY ASSISTANCE PLANNING WITH EGYPT. WE SEE CONSULTATIONS TAKING PLACE AUGUST 11-14. TEAM PLANS TO DEPART CAIRO AUGUST 15.

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3. MCGIFFERT WILL LEAD THE US TEAM FOR THE OPENING SESSION AND MAY JOIN IN THE WRAP-UP MEETING AUGUST 14. ROBERT J. MURRAY, DASD (ISA), WILL LEAD THE US TEAM IN MCGIFFERT'S

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ABSENCE AND WILL CARRY ON THE DISCUSSIONS. MCGIFFERT AND MURRAY WILL BE ASSISTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ISA, DSAA, OJCS, THE THREE SERVICES, AND THE DEPARTMENT.

4. TEAM WILL SEEK TO GAIN AS CLEAR AND FULL AN UNDERSTANDING AS POSSIBLE FROM THE EGYPTIANS OF THEIR VIEW OF THE MILITARY THREAT AND THEIR STRATEGY FOR MEETING IT, AS WELL AS DESCRIPTIONS OF THE MISSIONS AND FORCE STRUCTURE PROJECTED OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS FOR EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES. WE WILL ALSO APPRECIATE HEARING FROM THEM WHAT THEY CAN SAY ABOUT THE USE OF EGYPTIAN FORCES OUTSIDE EGYPT AND IN CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS WITHIN EGYPT.

5. FOR ITS PART, THE US IS PREPARED TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS ON ITS OWN APPROACH TO THE PLANNING OF PROGRAMS; ITS SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION, POLICY, AND PROCEDURES; THE STATUS OF CURRENT PROGRAMS TO BE FINANCED BY THE \$1.5 BILLION CREDIT. AS WELL, THE TEAM WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS GENERAL INFORMATION ON PLANNING AND BUDGETARY DATA FOR POTENTIAL WEAPONS SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT EGYPT MAY WANT TO CONSIDER IN DEVELOPING THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

6. THE US TEAM WILL BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS THE

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ADDITIONAL REQUESTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE BY EGYPT (CAIRO 13570). HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THIS LIST AND THE PRACTICALITIES OF FULFILLING IT. WE NEED TO ESTABLISH A LARGER CONTEXT OF PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS IF BEST USE OF RESOURCES IS TO BE ACHIEVED AND IF PROGRAMS ARE TO BE SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED BEFORE THE US CONGRESS WHICH PROVIDES THE RESOURCES.

7. IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO THE EGYPTIANS THAT THE US TEAM WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY FUNDING COMMITMENT BEYOND THE \$1.5 BILLION CREDIT ALREADY EXTENDED; NOR TO RELEASE OF EQUIPMENT BEYOND THAT WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY RELEASED. (FYI:

WE BELIEVE GENERAL GAMAL EL SAID UNDERSTANDS THIS WELL. END FYI) THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE MEANT TO ESTABLISH A BASIS ON WHICH WE COULD CONSIDER THESE MATTERS.

8. AS TO THE SEQUENCE OF THE DISCUSSIONS, WE ARE ENTIRELY AMENABLE TO EGYPTIAN DESIRES ON HOW TO PROCEED. WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS, HOWEVER:

- A. OPENING: EXCHANGE OF OPENING REMARKS AS TO HOW EACH SIDE VIEWS THESE CONSULTATIONS; DISCUSSIONS OF HOW TO PROCEED.

- B. FIRST GROUP OF PRESENTATIONS: BY EGYPTIAN SIDE, PER PARA 4 ABOVE.

- C. SECOND GROUP OF PRESENTATIONS: US APPROACH TO PLANNING (EACH OF THE THREE SERVICES WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION).

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- D. THIRD GROUP OF PRESENTATIONS: US SECURITY ASSISTANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, AND US SERVICE DISCUSSIONS OF EQUIPMENT.

9. WE SEE THE ABOVE TAKING ABOUT TWO OR THREE SESSIONS, INCLUDING AMPLE TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS, ASSUMING THAT THE EGYPTIANS WILL WISH DAILY PLENARY SESSIONS OF NO LONGER THAN ABOUT FOUR HOURS DURING RAMADAN. WE ARE FLEXIBLE ON HOW TO PROCEED ONCE THESE INITIAL PRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. WE WILL WANT TO HAVE "NEXT STEPS" DISCUSSIONS AT THE END.

10. WE SEE THIS AS THE FIRST OF SEVERAL MEETINGS DURING THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, THE AIM OF WHICH IS TO HELP EGYPT DEVELOP A FIVE-YEAR PROCUREMENT PLAN THAT WE ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT. WE DO NOT EXPECT TO EMERGE FROM THE DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK WITH A FULL-BLOWN PLAN; EACH PARTY WILL HAVE TO DIGEST THE INFORMATION PRESENTED DURING THE MEETINGS, AND MEET ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL TIMES.

11. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE EGYPTIAN PRESENTATIONS BE AS COMPREHENSIVE AS POSSIBLE. IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE AND SUSTAIN BEFORE THE CONGRESS A CONSTRUCTIVE US DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP WITH EGYPT, IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR US TO HAVE A FULL, CONTINUING UNDERSTANDING OF EGYPT'S DEFENSE OBJECTIVES AND PERCEIVED NEEDS.

12. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD DISCUSS THE ABOVE CONCEPTS AND PROPOSALS WITH THE MOD.

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WE ARE PASSING SIMILAR SUGGESTIONS THROUGH THE EGYPTIAN DEFENSE ATTACHE HERE. VANCE

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