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Now that focus Egyptian situation is Suez Canal itself we shld enter picture prominently formally requesting Three Powers perhaps via UN reps to make representations Cairo on compliance resol Sept 1951. Apart from merits case we shld point out anomaly powers take up with Isr every armistice trouble but refrain any request to Egypt correct practice which violates whole theory purpose armistice. We shld add long contemplating address UN members this point either by circular or orally.

xxx Purpose this approach

ONE. US UK might say formally as Byroade has told me privately that Westerners will not sign or approve Suez settlement which conflicts international policy thus we best advised hopefully await Anglo-Egyptian discussions. Such assurance worth getting in itself.

TWO. Focussing attention Egyptian belligerency wld be added ammunition our peace and arms campaign. As USA concerned this consideration has already annulled idea grant aid in favor of purchase, has reduced quantities affected qualities arms contemplated and so far postponed decision to sell arms altogether all of which has impressed Egyptians. We hope get letters statements in press and congress making point Egypt's belligerency reduces her eligibility arms aid. Meeting with three UN reps is convenient peg such action.

THREE. Approach wld again illustrate how absence Egypt Isr peace disturbs all sectors NE preparations for defence. For example Dulles says we are both to be members of same mutual Defence Org yet one such potential member is cheerfully blockading another.

Four. Some Egyptians here sleeplessly ascribe to us intention to drag Egypt before Moabit or otherwise dramatize issue on very week Naguib's arrival if he comes thus causing USA Egyptian rift ruining his editorials and (one word missing) reception. Dept people responsible for this insomnia so why not build up menace bit more concretely.

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commendation to Ike and Dulles would not this be both defence  
against bad proposals and excellent tactical position for us.  
Believe there is some prospect of getting this by discreet active  
work coming days. Please cable.

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