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The Anglo-Egyptian agreement brings about a substantial change in the balance of power in our region. The United States and its allies which have concluded or welcomed this agreement have a clear political and moral duty to examine with us the consequences of this change for Israel's security.

The conclusions to be drawn are self-evident. With Egypt's increased strength, far more than the 1950 declaration is needed to ensure the integrity of Israel's frontiers against aggression. It would be ~~inexpedient~~ ^{morally and political} to extend to Egypt, which threatens war and practices belligerency, a policy of unilateral rearmament, with a consequent weakening of Israel's defensive capacity. And it would be incredible if Egypt were to be granted its highest national aspiration while being allowed to violate international law by maintaining a blockade against oil and other traffic seeking passage through the Suez Canal.

These matters will be discussed in Washington and elsewhere in the coming days and weeks. If there is goodwill the western powers are fully able, by a few simple actions, to protect Israel's legitimate interests, in the light of the changes which they have authorized in the Suez Canal zone.