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W.M.(42)85th CONCLUSIONS, MINUTE 2.

Confidential Annex.

(3rd July, 1942 - 12 noon)

EGYPT.

(Previous Reference: W.M.(42)85th Conclusions, Minute 6).

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS said that he thought he must now send specific instructions to Sir Miles Lampson and to the Minister of State as to what preparatory measures should be taken to meet the contingency of the enemy overrunning Egypt. He proposed to inform our Ambassador that, for the present, all British staffs and members of the British community should stand fast. Further, no noticeable preparations should be made for any of them to leave Egypt. Above all it was most important that it should not appear that the Embassy were making any such preparations, since this would have a very bad effect all round.

He also proposed to tell Sir Miles Lampson that if Egypt was overrun by the enemy, he thought that the Egyptian Government ought to leave the country and go to Khartoum.

The question was raised whether steps should be taken to ensure that King Farouk accompanied the Egyptian Government.

The general view expressed was that this was a matter on which members of the Egyptian Government would, no doubt, have views. It was felt, however, that the balance of advantage lay in King Farouk accompanying the Egyptian Government if they left, even if he was not prepared to go willingly.

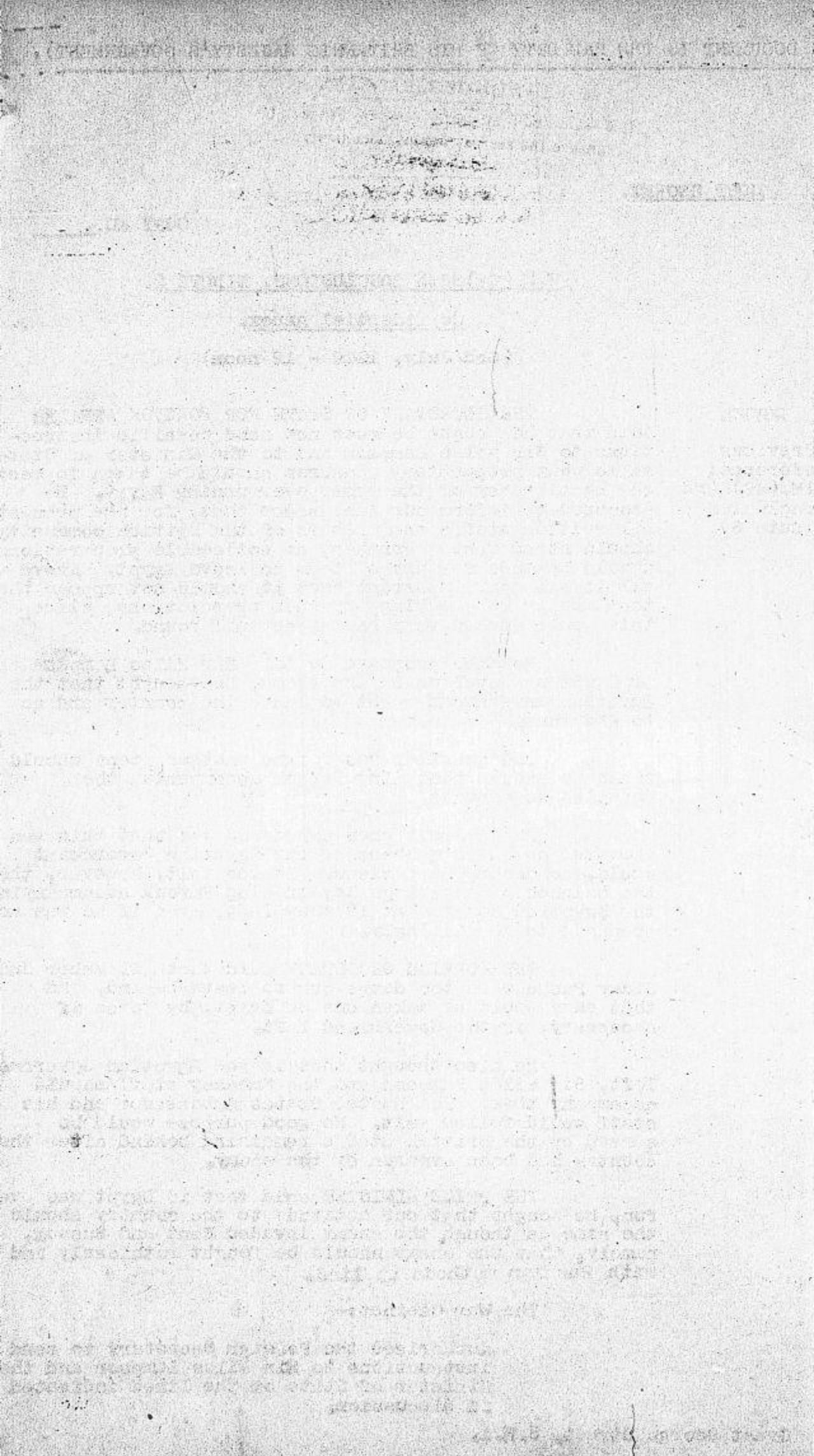
THE FOREIGN SECRETARY said that Ali Maher and Sidky Pasha were too dangerous to leave behind, and that they would be taken out of Egypt, by force if necessary, if the Government left.

He also thought that if the Egyptian Government left, Sir Miles Lampson and the Embassy staff should accompany them. The United States Ambassador and his staff would follow suit. No good purpose would be served by the British staffs remaining behind after the country had been overrun by the enemy.

THE PRIME MINISTER said that if Egypt was overrun, he thought that our attitude to the country should be the same as though the enemy invaded Kent and Sussex, namely, that the enemy should be fought ruthlessly and with Russian methods applied.

The War Cabinet:-

Authorised the Foreign Secretary to send instructions to Sir Miles Lampson and the Minister of State on the lines indicated in discussion.



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W.M.(42) 85TH CONCLUSIONS, MINUTE 4.

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(3rd July, 1942 - 12 noon)

U.S.S.R.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS referred to telegram No. 37 ARGUS, of the 28th June, from Sir A. Clark Kerr, reporting that the signing of the Treaty had effected a great improvement both in the public and official mind in Russia. It was clear, however, that both the public and the Government not only hoped but expected a Second Front to be opened in the very near future. He thought that, before Sir A. Clark Kerr left Russia on his visit to this country, he should see M. Molotov and remind him of our position in this matter which was set out in the Aide Memoire of which a copy had been handed to him on 10th June, 1942.

(Previous Reference: W.M.(42)73rd Conclusions.

The War Cabinet:-

Authorised the Foreign Secretary to send a communication in this sense to our Ambassador to the Soviet Union

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11-1-1954  
The following is a list of the names of the persons who were present at the meeting held on the 11th day of November, 1954, at the residence of the undersigned.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

JOHN W. BROWN, Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of November, 1954.

JOHN W. BROWN, Clerk.  
I, JOHN W. BROWN, Clerk of the County of Dallas, State of Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the names of the persons who were present at the meeting held on the 11th day of November, 1954, at the residence of the undersigned.

JOHN W. BROWN, Clerk.  
I, JOHN W. BROWN, Clerk of the County of Dallas, State of Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the names of the persons who were present at the meeting held on the 11th day of November, 1954, at the residence of the undersigned.

JOHN W. BROWN, Clerk.

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