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Dear Joe:

Enclosed as of possible interest is a report from another Government agency on the communist party meeting at Ondurman.

The information should not be passed on to any other agency.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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William C. Burdett

Enclosure:

As stated.

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REPORTED COMMUNIST DECISION TO OPPOSE UNIFICATION OF NILE VALLEY

According to confidential source, the Central Committee of the Sudanese Communist Party, at a meeting held at Ondurman on June 20 last, decided to oppose the "unification of the Nile Valley". This decision was taken, according to source, on the basis of an analyses of recent developments made by the "Eastern Bureau" of the Cominform, which presumably is located in Paris. The "Eastern Bureau", it is stated, considers that (a) tactically it is desirable to soft-pedal attacks on the British at this juncture, and to concentrate the offensive in colonial areas against the United States; and (2) that the present Egyptian leadership, and particularly Colonel Nasser, has become "the spearhead of American imperialism" in the Near East. In other terms, this alleged re-appraisal would mean that the Cominform now plans to re-emphasize the theme of contradictions in the imperialist camp. It also suggests that the Cominform is dissatisfied with the more conciliatory attitude of the Egyptian Government respecting the West, and perhaps even fears the possibility that Egypt, once the Suez issue is settled, may participate actively in a Near East defensive grouping.

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