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SUBJECT: British interest in expansion of U.S. Government activities in Sudan.

In conversation on January 30 with an Embassy officer, Mr. Adam Watson, the new Head of the African Department of the Foreign Office, (see the Embassy's despatch No. 1738 dated January 30, 1956) said that the Foreign Office plans to devote increasing attention to African problems, in view especially of recent indications of stepped-up Soviet interest in Africa as well as the progress toward independence of such countries as Nigeria and the Sudan.

With regard to the latter he said that the Government understood that the United States expected to establish a full-fledged diplomatic mission in Khartoum, which was a welcome decision. He continued that the Foreign Office was without any information regarding any other plans which we might have with regard to the Sudan, in connection with technical aid (Point IV) or the information program. He hoped that the Department had programs of this type in mind as he thought this would be highly desirable in view of the interest already being shown in Sudanese affairs by the Communist countries. The reporting officer undertook to refer Mr. Watson's inquiry to the Department.

The Embassy would appreciate receiving any information which could be passed on to the Foreign Office with respect to the foregoing. The Embassy believes that further discussion with the Foreign Office on this subject should be encouraged, and shares Mr. Watson's opinion as to the desirability of our undertaking a carefully thought-out program of U.S. Government activities in the Sudan.

For the Charge d'Affaires a.i.:

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