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SUBJECT: **Sudan and Czechoslovakian Arms**

I discussed with the British Ambassador the information given to me by the Sudanese Minister of Foreign Affairs relating to the question of purchase of arms for the Sudanese Defense Force. The Ambassador said he had talked at length with the Minister of Defense, whom he has known many years, and who confirmed to him most of the information given to me by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, reported in my despatch No. 159 of May 19.

There was one difference, however, which may possibly be important. This concerns the offer of a small ammunition factory and of technicians. The Ambassador said the offer of the plant to make 303 ammunition came from Czechoslovakia and had not yet been definitely refused. He had advanced arguments against it which he felt would be effective and he believed the offer would not be accepted. The offer of technicians came from the Russians and was declined.

Practically all immediate military requirements have now been met, but the Sudanese are still interested in acquiring transport planes according to the Ambassador.

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