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**Ambassadeur en Égypte au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires
extérieures**

Ambassador in Egypt to Secretary of State for External Affairs

Telegram 218

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Conversation with Nasser¹

I saw Nasser last night as briefly reported in my Telegram 216 of March 14; I made it clear that I was not visiting him on your instructions but that I had very much on my mind recently the increasingly hostile tone of Egyptian press and what appeared to me serious misunderstanding even on government level of important statements made by the Prime Minister and yourself. I fear I went on at greater length than I had intended in setting forth Canadian policy and traditional outlook on foreign affairs especially towards countries who had recently gained their independence. I reviewed our UN role in the Mideast, pointing out how fantastic were press charges which attributed "imperialist" motives to Canada, and finally stressed the damage that can be done by unscrupulous press attacks on the Canadian contingent in United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF). I only touched marginally on question of Canadian reinforcements as I did not wish to directly introduce the subject myself.

2. After listening intently to me and asking for clarification on one or two points, he frankly admitted that he had been adopting an increasingly critical attitude to Canada. He had great hopes from our position last

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