

tions by them that we underwrite some of the expense of this activity because of its adverse impact on our relations with certain other countries.

Assistance to Israel

Mr. Rountree: We give Israel's request for assistance of one kind or another most sympathetic attention. We find little economic justification for any but commodity or loan assistance but political considerations make it almost impossible to eliminate grant assistance altogether. You will find that Israel needs no encouragement in seeking assistance for development objectives, and, unlike the situation in some countries which cannot formulate assistance requirements, the Israelis come up with more suggestions than we can hope to satisfy or should satisfy, considering the availability of funds and the legitimate needs of other governments.

Jordan Valley Plan

Mr. Rountree: You may find it necessary to resist importunities from the Israelis on this complex. They are able to make a plausible case for pushing ahead with their projects, arguing that Arab refusal to undertake a unified plan should not bind their hands as well. We are opposed, however, to assisting them in proceeding with projects which will take their share of the water without any of the reciprocal concessions they would be obliged to give the Arabs under a unified development engineered to divide the water equitably.

84. **Telegram From the Department of State to the Embassy in Jordan¹**

Washington, July 7, 1959—7 p.m.

29. Amman's 2523, Jerusalem's 378, Tel Aviv's 1048, New York's 1135.² Hart called in Israel Chargé Herzog alone 6th to express concern with reported harassment Isawiya villagers by Israel Mt. Scopus patrols. He made following points:

¹ Source. Department of State, Central Files, 684A 85/6-1659 Confidential, Limit Distribution Drafted by Hamilton on July 3, cleared with Palmer, and approved by Hart. Repeated to Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and USUN

² Dated June 10, 15, 16, and 12, respectively, these telegrams discussed various aspects of Israeli harassment of the Isawiya villagers (*ibid.*, 684A 85/6-1059 through 684A 85/6-1659)