

pro-Western regimes, and in Algeria. Moreover, we will recognize that the Arabs remain bitter over the United States role, as they see it, in the establishment of the State of Israel and over United States public and private financial assistance and political support for Israel during the past ten years.

We know that these are problems and thoughts which have also been much in your mind. Your reports and comments on the situation over these past critical months were of major assistance to us in seeking some conclusions to these problems. We hope in the months ahead to formalize certain of these thoughts into specific operating guidance papers. In the interim, we hope you will find this informal expression of views here in Washington both interesting and useful.

Sincerely yours,

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#### 58. Editorial Note

On March 5 at Ankara, representatives of the Governments of the United States, Iran, and Pakistan signed identical bilateral agreements for cooperation in promoting the security and defense of the members of the Baghdad Pact. For text of the agreements, see *American Foreign Policy: Current Documents, 1959*, pages 1020-1023. See also Document 268.