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*Notes on Conference Between the Secretary of State and Delegation of Refugee Leaders, Edited by the Attaché in Jordan (Cassin) <sup>1</sup>*

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AMMAN, May 15, 1953.

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Subject: Jordan

Principal Participants:

*United States*

*Jordan*

Mr. John Foster Dulles

Delegation of Refugee Leaders

Mr. Harold E. Stassen

Prior to beginning of conference photographs were taken of the Secretary and the American Ambassador.

Refugee Leaders were then introduced to the Secretary by Mr. Vernon Cassin.

Introduction by Mr. Dulles:

"I am very happy to have this opportunity to meet briefly with you gentlemen. The plight of the refugees whom you represent is certainly one of the most tragic problems there is in the world today. The task of finding a solution is a task which should challenge the united intelligence and wisdom and statesmanship of the peoples of the world. I do not come here with any solution of this problem, or of any problem for that matter. I come here as I have repeatedly said to evidence the increasing Christian concern which. . . ." <sup>2</sup>

Interrupted by arrival of Mr. Stassen introduced by Mr. Cassin. . . .

"I repeat that we come here not with a solution of the problem but to show evidence by our presence here of the increased concern which our Government shares in this area of the world and as evidence of the increased determination that our Government has to be helpful in any way that is welcome in attempting to exchange courtesies and develop better spirit of cooperation and goodwill. We are here to listen and to learn, and of the things we want to learn none are more important than the problems of those who represent

<sup>1</sup> This conversation took place at the American Embassy in Jordan.

<sup>2</sup> Ellipses throughout this document are in the source text.