

priate at this time, particularly since this precisely type problem MAC estab to consider. Suggest Emb reply to *aide-mémoire* contained Emb desp [telegram] 578 Dec 13³ to effect that this question shld be considered in MAC. While Dept unwilling intervene directly with Syrian Govt effect release these Israelis, since problem matter for UN machinery, it will recommend Leg Damascus urge Syrian Govt resume MAC mtgs soonest. Dept considers it may be desirable that on Riley's return NE he personally take charge MAC mtgs discuss this question in order effect release Israelis in Syria.

Leg Damascus its discretion might inform Syrian Govt US gratified at dispatch and relative amity with which Syrian-Israel MAC dealt with shooting two Israelis Lake Tiberias and hopes other matters outstanding can be discussed soonest in MAC; wld urge Syrians to cooperate with UN in holding MAC mtgs on regular basis and US likewise urging Israelis to do same.

Dept hopes Riley can return NE soonest.

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³ See footnote 6, *supra*.

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*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Israel*¹

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495. Jan 14 Dept rep requested Israel Emb First Secy Hezlitz call discuss recent series incidents Jerusalem area on Jordan-Israel borders. Emb rep appeared uninformed these developments. Dept rep first summarized Qalqilya controversy and expressed satis this problem now adjusted. Noted with regret unneces fireworks in MAC which preceded settlement, however.

Dep rep gave gen acct incidents including brief ref Gaza described Amman Legtel 190 Jan 7, Jerusalem Contels 94 Jan 8 and 98 Jan 12.² While not underestimating difficulties faced by Israel Govt in dealing with problems of infiltration, emphasized that mil excursions by Israel into Jordan or other neighboring states purpose shooting people or destroying property appeared to Dept as ex-

¹ Repeated to Jerusalem, Amman, Damascus, Paris (for the Delegation to the General Assembly), and Baghdad, and by pouch to Beirut, Cairo, Jidda, London, and Ankara.

² None printed.