

tremely grave violations Armistice Agreement which cld not be justified under any circumstances. Israel shld consider unfortunate adverse effect such occurrences cld have.

Suggest Emb Tel Aviv its discretion discuss matter with Israel Govt along these lines. Might also point out incidents strong contrast between Israel official utterances re its desire cooperate in reaching amicable settlement with Arabs and Israel actions toward Arabs in neighboring border areas. Repetition these incidents and continuation use brutal tactics in dealing with border Arabs cld result in sudden sharp deterioration Arab-Israel relations. Lack of progress in improvement these relations at present considered one of major stumbling-blocks to maintenance stability and security of area as well as obstacle to closer cooperation between the Arabs and West. Latter definitely in Israel's interest as lack thereof contributes to difficulties of implementing any plans for cooperative defense arrangements in NE area. Dept hopes Israel govt will seriously consider issues involved and carefully weigh wisdom of permitting its armed forces employ terror tactics towards Arabs as opposed to making genuine effort all levels to conciliate Arab neighbors. Wld point out further that even though Israel may not have condemned certain Arabs convicted legally of espionage, official Israel policy involving mil forays into neighboring states and resulting in killings of Arabs and destruction their property will undoubtedly have its effect on Arab attitude toward Jewish minorities in such states as Iraq.

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712. Pass Army and Air. Deptel 490, January 14. Emb agrees importance MACS at this juncture and believes their task becoming more difficult. Sees in recent events evidence same influences believed responsible last year for mutual reprisals in Huleh region culminating in El Hamma bombing and attacks at Tel Al Mutilla; and fears they may cause another rapid deterioration in situation if not effectively deterred. Have ref to apparently deliberate incursions into Jordan and Gaza strip (see Amman Legtel 190, January

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to London, Paris, Ankara, Cairo, Beirut, Damascus, Amman, and Jerusalem.