

*Comment:* This is second recent incident involving Israeli fishermen approaching close to Arab-held terr and points up need for settlement demilitarized zone problems preferably through early resumption MAC mtgs which we understand TSO endeavoring arrange. This wld have to involve Israeli agreement MAC consider questions over which they have hitherto denied it has jurisdiction.

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*Memorandum by the President to the Secretary of State*<sup>1</sup>

WASHINGTON, February 8, 1952.

I understand that the tentative budget figures for Mutual Security for fiscal year 1953 include the sum \$25 million for Israel. I further understand that a program for Israel aggregating about \$80 million has been developed within the Department of State. After considering the various aspects of the situation, I believe that the program for Israel for fiscal year 1953 should total \$80 million, and that the additional \$55 million should be in addition to the amounts heretofore contemplated for economic aid.

HARRY TRUMAN

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<sup>1</sup> Addressed also to Director for Mutual Security Harriman and Director of the Bureau of the Budget Lawton.

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*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Egypt*<sup>1</sup>

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1198. 1. Dept appreciates delicacy any approach Egypt this time re SC res on freedom transit Suez Canal including vessels bound for Israel but PriMin Maher has himself informed Secy (para 1, Dept's 3682, Feb 5 to London)<sup>2</sup> he appreciates fully importance free passage of Canal. Notwithstanding US advice Gadel 853 to

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<sup>1</sup> Repeated to London, Paris, Ankara, Tel Aviv, Jidda, Beirut, Amman, Baghdad, and Damascus.

<sup>2</sup> Not printed.