

ticularly in face unlikelihood any early payment of compensation. If other Dels advance, re possible sources and means of Israel paying compensation, ideas associating settlement of Arab compensation claims with Israel-Ger reparation talks you shld indicate we are opposed, since we believe two negots are and shld remain separated. In any event they cannot properly be associated by UN. Can only be done by parties directly concerned.

4. PCC Rep in Jerusalem: We believe we are under no firm commitment to agree to appointment of PCC Rep for Jerusalem. We believe, however, that you may indicate that, in our opinion, important point is that, if appointed and sent to Jerusalem, Rep shld be in Jerusalem only under specific assignment and terms of ref and shld be there only so long as his terms of ref require he be in area. While we appreciate you have all arguments at your disposal on this point against appointment of a full time Rep, it shld be pointed out that if any negots of a detailed or intricate nature were to be suggested by the parties PCC cld determine at that time wisdom and necessity of its returning to Jerusalem. We believe if pressure is strong for Rep being in Jerusalem to manifest UN interest in area and maintain UN hold over Govt House, you shld indicate belief that logical and simpler alternative solution to problem is to urge Gen Riley to move to Govt House. If this suggestion does not meet with approval and you are placed under pressure by UN SYG, Fr and Turk colleagues to agree to appointment full-time Jerusalem Rep, you shld request opportunity further consultation with Dept.

5. We agree desirability some cognizance be taken of past valuable services of Azcarate.

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

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WASHINGTON, April 22, 1952.

Subject: Israeli Claims Against Germany

<sup>1</sup> This memorandum was sent in response to a memorandum of Apr. 11 by President Truman to Secretary Acheson which reads as follows:

"One of my good friends, Jacob Blaustein, who was on a Committee which has to do with claims for Israel from Germany, asked me if I wouldn't issue a statement on the subject asking for expedition in handling these claims. I'll appreciate it if you will look into it and see if a statement would be in order.

"Mr. Blaustein told me that Chancellor Adenauer is anxious to cooperate but needs a little push." (262.84A41/4-1152)

The Committee referred to was the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. On Apr. 15, the President sent the Secretary a copy of a letter of Apr. 11 he had received from Blaustein on the same subject. (262.84A41/4-1552)