

vene in the current negotiations. There is a danger that a public statement on our part might raise hopes on the part of the Federal Government and the Israeli Government that the United States would be willing indirectly to finance the settlement of the German obligations.

I, therefore, recommend that you do not make a public statement at this time. Instead, I believe that we should privately express to the Federal Government our hopes that the negotiations will reach a successful conclusion, and our recommendation that the talks at the Hague reconvene at the earliest practicable date, preferably at the same time as the London meeting, rather than a month later. I propose to send a message to Mr. McCloy asking him to take such action. I suggest that Mr. Blaustein be advised of this action as being the proper course to be followed at the present time.

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2671. For McCloy. Reps of Jewish organizations which have been associated with Israel at Hague in negots with FedGov have asked Pres to issue a public statement calling upon FedGov to expedite successful conclusion Hague talks. We have felt it wld not be appropriate for US to intervene publicly in negots at this time. On other hand, we have advised Reps referred to that we wld ask you to reaffirm to Chancellor sympathetic concern which US feels for objectives of Hague talks and our strong hopes talks will lead to successful conclusion. We recognize that FedGov properly must relate any offer it can make to Israel Govt to other responsibilities which it has and to its overall capacity to discharge its obligations. On other hand, it wld appear to us that negots at Hague shld carry forward rapidly as possible. We understand Ger negotiators have proposed that Hague talk be deferred until month after Lon Debt Conference reconvenes. Although not fully familiar with status of Hague talks we wld be gratified if FedGov finds it possible reconvene Hague talks at early date, if practicable at approximately same time as Lon talks, so as to avoid giving public impression Lon mtg in any way holds precedence over Hague talks. We sug you proposé this suggestion in tentative form on our part since we