

We believe second alternative i.e., testing blockade, wld be most unfortunate, since whether or not Israel took full responsibility for such action, incident wld probably occur which might not only make the problem more difficult to handle but also have serious effect on Anglo-Egyptian talks. Third alternative, i.e. obtaining public statement or private intimation from Egypt assuring free passage rights to Israel assuming it an acceptable course of action wld be matter of timing. Since Israel has no means of direct approach to Egypt, except possibly through MAC, approach wld presumably have to be made by one or more members of SC on the basis inquiring from Egypt re its intentions compliance with Sept 1 SC Res. Since compliance with SC Res's wld be basis this approach rather than question of free passage rights for Israel, it is possible that Israel's record of compliance with SC Res's on Pal wld be raised by Egypt. We assume Israel has had this possibility in mind in considering desirability third alternative.

4. You may inform Israeli Del that it continues to be our firm belief that all UN Res's shld be complied with and Egypt's case is in no way exception to this belief. However we are of opinion that present time is not appropriate to raise this question with Egypts. We shall keep in touch with the Israelis and other interested Dels and shall be glad to review matter from time to time with them.

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"For the Secretary.

I have just received the following letter from the Israeli Minister in Paris.

Mr. Ambassador

I have been instructed by my government to transmit to Mr. Dean Acheson an urgent message from the Israeli Foreign Minister Mr. Moshe Sharett. I am enclosing this message and I shall be most grateful if you will be able to arrange for a transmission to Mr. Acheson at the earliest opportunity and at any rate before the forthcoming meeting of the 3 Allied Foreign Ministers with the German Bundeskanzler in Bonn. Please accept (Mr. Ambassador) with the expression of my apology for the trouble I am causing you the assurance of my highest consideration.

Maurice Fischer

E. E. and Minister Plenipotentiary.