

784A.02/7-352: Telegram

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7. Deptel 907 Jun 7.<sup>2</sup> Fol is US position re recently announced intention Govt Israel move its FonOff from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. This has been discussed with Brit, Fr and Turk Reps here. It has been agreed four govts shld make joint *démarche* to Israel although exact nature each approach will not necessarily be identical. Text of *aide-mémoire* you shld use fols statement US position. Brit, Fr and Turk Reps Tel Aviv being instructed as is Austral Rep with whose Govt Brit have consulted.

"1. The US, in concert with Brit, Fr and possibly other govts, shld request the Israel Govt orally and confidentially not to move its FonMin to Jerusalem until the UN has had an opportunity to reconsider the question of Jerusalem with a view to devising a status for Jerusalem that will satisfactorily preserve the interests of the states directly concerned as well as the interests of the internatl community;

"2. The Govt of Israel shld be informed at the same time that the US has no present intention of moving its Emb from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem;

"3. After a suitable delay to determine Israeli reaction Chiefs of Missions in interested capitals might be authorized in their discretion to inform the govts to which they are accredited, orally and confidentially, of the action taken;

"4. No public statement re this action shld be made by the US Govt;

"5. Shld the Israel Govt move its MinFonAff to Jerusalem, the position of the US re any change in the present location of its Emb in Israel will be reexamined after the UN has had an opportunity to reconsider the question of Jerusalem with a view to devising a status that will satisfactorily preserve the interests of the states directly concerned as well as the interests of the internatl community;

"6. In reexamining its position the US will again consult the Brit, Fr, and possibly other govts in an effort to agree on a common policy."

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to Cairo, Jidda, Baghdad, Amman, Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem, and New York, and by air to London, Paris, Ankara, and Rome.

<sup>2</sup> A repeat of telegram 6467 to London, June 7 (repeated for information to 12 other posts), telegram 907 contained the Department's tentative conclusions and recommendations in the light of the Israeli Government's intended move of its Foreign Office from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. (784A.02/6-752)