

In concert with UK, French and Turk colleagues you shld speak to Acting FonMin at earliest opportunity re Jerusalem along lines fol *aide-mémoire* which shld be left with him:

"The Govt of the US has noted with concern the decision and announcement of the Israel Govt on May 4, 1952 to move the FonOff to Jerusalem. The Govt of the US has adhered and continues to adhere to the policy that there shld be a special internatl regime for Jerusalem which will not only provide protection for the holy places but which will be acceptable to Israel and Jordan as well as the world community. Since the question of Jerusalem is still of internatl import, the US Govt believes that the UN shld have an opportunity to reconsider the matter with a view to devising a status for Jerusalem which will satisfactorily preserve the interests of the world community and the states directly concerned. Consequently, the US Govt wld not view favorably the transfer of the FonOff of Israel to Jerusalem.

"The Govt of the US also wishes to convey that in view of its attitude on the Jerusalem question, it has no present intention of transferring the Ambassador of the US and his staff to Jerusalem."

In addition to above you shld inform the Israel Govt that in view of various negots, i.e. refugee question, Syria-Israel difficulties, etc., this is no time for Israel to be "rocking the boat" by such public announcements as move of FonOff. We cannot believe that conduct foreign relations between Israel and other states wld be in any way enhanced by transferring FonOff to Jerusalem if majority fon missions remain in Tel Aviv. You may also tell FonOff that this approach is being made on confidential basis and that we have no present plan for public statement.

Advise Dept date and hour ur appointment with FonOff for above purpose.

Addressees Arab states shld not discuss above with govt to which accredited until further instructed by Dept.

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<sup>1</sup> Repeated for information to Cairo, Jidda, Baghdad, Amman, Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem, London, Paris, Ankara, and Rome.