

and those Arabs who oppose any settlements or even negot with Israel seem to be having it all their own way. In the meantime this conflict stands as the chief obstacle to our major policy interests, to say nothing of the welfare of whole population of NE.

Since sitn cannot be expected remain static Emb fears that unless west powers take more positive line throughout NE area, negative attitudes plus continued frustration any constructive efforts may well lead to developments which will confront powers with necessity and under tripartite declaration.

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*Memorandum of Conversation, by the Officer in Charge of  
Palestine-Israel-Jordan Affairs (Waller)*

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Subject: Israel Government's Views Regarding (1) Israel-Arab relations; (2) Suez Canal; (3) Representation of the Middle East in the Security Council; and (4) Jerusalem.

Participants: Ambassador Abba Eban, Israel Embassy  
Miss Esther Herlitz, First Secretary, Israel Embassy  
Mr. Byroade—NEA  
Mr. Dorsey—NE  
Mr. Waller—NE

Ambassador Eban called on Mr. Byroade today to discuss a number of questions before proceeding on vacation. Among the questions discussed were the following:

1. *Israel-Arab Relations:* The Ambassador recalled that informal suggestions had been made by Mr. Byroade regarding direct talks between Israel and Syrian representatives and by Mr. Kopper regarding the use of the Department as a "post office" in exchanging views with Egyptian representatives. The Ambassador said that Israel was ready at any and all times to discuss with any Arab state the possibility of an advance in Israel-Arab relations; that Israel does not insist that discussions with any one Arab state take precedence over discussions with any other; and that Israel would appreciate any action whereby the US would encourage any Arab state to engage in negotiations or discussions with Israel.

Mr. Byroade replied that he appreciated having this information and that no one could ask for anything more. He continued by saying that we consider Col. Shishikli of Syria a good prospect and