

sworn in and that one of its primary directives will be to have the closest kind of cooperation with Point Four. He urged me to hold off any definite recommendation until he has chance to prove this cooperation. As to our customs difficulties, he promised to fill in Moubarak today and direct him that these matters be put straight. I asked him, when talking to Moubarak, to say that we strongly admire his courage and honesty and to convince him that a change of attitude is in the interest of his own country. In any event, I said that the situation wld have to be corrected.

Our conversation was unusually cordial. He is most friendly and I know he plans to try to carry out what he promised. However, matter is serious one and we shld carefully consider our position. I do not believe Point Four can possibly succeed working under present handicap. I recommend that we give new Leb Govt every encouragement and opportunity to work closely with us. We shld play down any idea that we can be bribed or browbeaten into large-scale econ aid. On this basis I am hopeful that we can soon go forward confidently.

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*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Egypt*¹

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568. Egypt Chargé Wash called Sept 12 to report direct approach (method and place not revealed) by Israel requesting in view "new relationship Israel-Egypt" (which Chargé indicated referred to Israeli peace overtures) Egypt use its influence at Arab League mtg prevent inclusion GA agenda ques internatlzn Jlem. Commenting that Egypt cannot now burn bridges with Arab states and that conclusion peace with Israel must take time, El Kouny requested US attitude Jlem ques as most imp't to Egypt consideration agenda prob. Chargé informed that US gen posit Jlem set forth July 22, 1952 press statement (nr 576)² and that US will not oppose inclusion item GA agenda.

Meanwhile Israel Amb Eban has sought Depts assistance dissuade Arabs from including on GA agenda complaints against Israel by stating he instructed present four counter-complaints if Arabs do so: (1) econ aggression vs Israel by mbrs Arab League; (2)

¹ Repeated to Tel Aviv, Amman, Beirut, Damascus, Baghdad, Jidda, and London.

² Not printed, but see footnote 2, Document 456.