

ly desire; and (3) we have not and will not support any individual and do not believe any foreign power is or shld be giving active support to any candidate. ²

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² Telegram 546 to Beirut, Sept. 20, stated that the Department and Ambassador Minor were in full accord with the Embassy's attitude as defined in paragraph 3 of telegram 580. The Department assumed that the Embassy would continue to stress this attitude, and take any opportunity to counsel the Lebanese on moderation and the maintenance of public order. (783A.00/9-1952)

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

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[WASHINGTON,] September 22, 1952.

Subject: Visit by Ambassador Eban regarding: (1) The Israel-German Reparations Agreement; (2) Israel-Arab Relations.

Participants: The Secretary

Ambassador Abba Eban, Israel Embassy

Minister David Goitein, Israel Embassy

Mr. Waller--NE

The Israel Ambassador at his own request called on the Secretary at 11:30 this morning. He was accompanied by Minister David Goitein. The subjects discussed fall within the following general headings:

1. The Israel-German Reparations Agreement
2. Israel-Arab Relations

With regard to the Israel-German Reparations Agreement, the Ambassador said he was under instructions from his government to express to the Secretary appreciation for the sympathetic assistance given by the Secretary and his staff in bringing about the agreement which was recently signed at Luxembourg. He said that his government is aware that without this assistance the agreement would not have been possible. The Secretary replied that he felt he had been able to be helpful and he was glad the negotiations were successful. He praised Chancellor Adenauer for his receptiveness and for his tenacity in pursuing the matter to its conclusion.

The Ambassador said that the next step would be to obtain ratification of the agreement by the German Bundestag which he understood would be meeting October. So far as Israel is concerned the