

manent settlement. He appears to envisage frontier delimitation and refugee resettlement as "temporary" measures which will last a decade, a generation or a century but only until such time as Arab rights can be effectively reasserted. Just as placement of refugees here is being attempted without reference to "resettlement," so any improvement of Syrian relations with Israel may be feasible only if explicit references to "peace" are omitted.

MEDO: The view expressed by Col. Shishikli that Near Eastern States should be included in MEDO plans from their inception coincides with the Department's policy. Although the subject of arms was not specifically mentioned, it has been made clear that Col. Shishikli would like military assistance as well as equitable recognition of Arab importance in any regional defense arrangements.

U.S. Aid Agreements: Pending 511 (b) and 408 (e) agreements were not directly mentioned by Col. Shishikli. His remark that consideration of specific agreements should be deferred until the completion of general informal discussions would appear to presage further delay in conclusion of those agreements. Despite his awareness of the Department's November cutoff date on ten million dollars of economic assistance, he appears to be holding to his own timetable which is dominated by Syrian and Arab considerations.

Summary: Throughout Colonel Shishikli's conversation, it was obvious that he views all proposed arrangements with the West in the light of Syrian and Arab interests, and that he is determined to maintain and support Arab claims against Israel. Programs and policies conceived without recognition of these factors will find no ready acceptance in Syria.

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¹ Repeated priority to Cairo.

² Document 492.

³ Not printed.