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674.84A/9-2752: Telegram

*The Ambassador in Israel (Davis) to the Department of State*¹

SECRET PRIORITY TEL AVIV, September 27, 1952--7 p. m.

498. Re Embtel 422.² VD chief Amer Div Fon Ministry advises informal mtg with Egypt MAC rep Gohar took place Thursday September 25 with Col Ramati representing IG pursuant to arrangement described in ref tel. IG rep made specific suggestion that special mtg be arranged on higher level to discuss (1) broadening scope of present anti-infiltration agreement and (2) resolving questions of mutual interest relating to shipping. Egypt's rep said he wld consult superiors and report result. IG hopes discussion of point (1) may lead to gen non-aggression agreement; and, as to point (2) it proposes cover all shipping matters including territorial waters, fishing rights and possibly passage of shipping through Suez Canal (see Embtels 467 and 497).³

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¹ Repeated to Jerusalem, London, Paris, Ankara, and Cairo.² Not printed, but see footnote 3, Document 477.³ Neither printed.

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*The Chargé in Lebanon (Lobenstine) to the Department of State*¹

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656. From Beirut viewpoint (Embtel 642, Sept 29),² it appears US Govt has cause for being equally concerned as Federal Republic about Arab reactions to German-Israeli agreement (Bonn 1185, Sept 16³ and London 1805, Sept 27).⁴ In Lebanon, US is receiving brunt of adverse criticism.

Our efforts to convince GOL officials of virtue of German-Israeli agreement as well as our promises to support separate Israeli reparations to Arab refugees are falling on deaf ears. Too much talking

¹ Repeated to London, Bonn, and Cairo; sent by pouch to Paris, Tel Aviv, Baghdad, Damascus, Amman, and Jidda.² Telegram 642 from Beirut, Sept. 29, summarized Lebanese editorial comment on the West German-Israeli agreement of Sept. 10. (262.84A41/9-2952)³ Document 487.⁴ Not printed.