

inform Jordan of exact nature of his correspondence with IG (see Embdes 265, Sept 17),<sup>5</sup> which he feels wld have serious consequences. It wld give Jordan pretext for refusal continue abide by July 7 agreement, which Gen Riley has been at some pains to keep in effect pending implementation Art VIII armistice agreement or conclusion of peace. Without that agreement, Jordan may refuse to permit further convoys to proceed thru HKJ terr, which wld almost certainly be regarded as hostile act by IG.

Gen Riley believes accordingly that tripartite representation on Scopus might be timely and useful, especially if made under instrs from representative govts and not at his instance. Have requested appointment with Fon Ministry tomorrow with view to inquiring about status of relations with Jordan in general and Mt. Scopus matter in particular.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Despatch 265 from Tel Aviv, Sept. 17, forwarded the texts of correspondence dated Aug. 17 and Sept. 12 from Riley to the Israeli Government. (357.AC/9-1752)

<sup>6</sup> On Oct. 10, the Department stated that it was authorizing Ambassador Davis at his discretion to join with the British and French representatives at Tel Aviv in an effort to minimize the importance of the apparent Israeli violation and to endeavor to prevent a repetition of the unfortunate situation created by the recent barrel incident. (Telegram 374 to Tel Aviv, Oct. 10, 7:36 p. m., 357.AC/10-1052)

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

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572. For Dept only. Re Embtel 569.<sup>1</sup> At luncheon today Amb Eban, who expects leave Israel tomorrow, commented with obvious satisfaction on increased interest PriMin and other high officials IG in making real effort achieve peace with neighbors. He referred to earlier convs we had on this and said there had been great improvement in prospect for genuine effort this direction. He mentioned mtg expected to take place today between reps IG and Syria but remarked that relations with Jordan were causing concern.

This afforded me opportunity to express hope that now rise wld be precipitated in dealings on eve convening GA. He expressed interest in Mt Scopus question and Gen Riley who was present gave him brief summary of sitn. Amb Eban remarked that he cld not afford have dispute over matter of this kind precipitated at present

<sup>1</sup> *Supra.*