

problems. This aspect of matter was discussed recently with Fritzlan during his visit to Tel Aviv. It becomes important therefore to endeavor convince Arabs of desirability reach agreements before another period of discouragement and defeatism sets in in Israel.

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*The Acting Secretary of State to the Embassy in Syria*¹

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265. Urdes 185 Sept 25 contains valuable info re possible Shishikli conditions for settlement of certain problems with Israel. Question arises as to how to utilize these suggestions. Israelis continually complain, with some justification, that Syrs unwilling even discuss any of problems contained in refdes. (Example: Syr postponements and restricted instructions Oct 9 mtg.) Dept therefore desires know under what conditions Syrs will discuss these problems. Also, can Dept make known Syr terms to Israel Gov without of course revealing source? Such an approach wld be made to ascertain whether or not possibility for negotiated *modus vivendi* between Syr and Israel exists.

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The Acting Secretary of State to the Embassy in Israel

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456. Quoted hereunder is text note delivered Sep 24 by Israel Emb. Similar notes delivered same day to Brit and Fr Fon Offices. Dept desires you make oral reply IG within few days after receipt instrs now being drafted. Understand Brit reply to be made London. Fr plans not known. Suggest you advise your Brit and Fr colleagues proposed action. IG note fols:

"The Ambassador of Israel presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secy of State and has the honor to inform him that his Govt is deeply perturbed over recent reports indicating the resump-