

lems directly, while in no way inferring an abolition of the PCC. Israel requests US support for such a move, and would hope for UK, French and Turkish support as well. It would not be Israel's intention to have these four powers take the initiative unless they so wished. Mr. Byroade said that he could think of no objection to such a proposal.

The Ambassador stated that Prime Minister Ben Gurion's position on arriving at border settlements with its Arab neighbors is that an offer of territory in the course thereof is the biggest card that a country can play, and therefore one that should be kept as a trump. As a consequence the Prime Minister's idea on a border arrangement per se, and a border arrangement as a part of an overall peace settlement, are quite different.

Mr. Byroade concluded the conversation by saying that he wished to talk again with the Ambassador, especially with a view to avoiding misunderstandings of what the US is attempting to accomplish in Egypt.

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493. Deptel 456 Oct 31. Fol paras provide basis for replying orally to IG Note quoted reftel. Inform Dept in advance date reply to be made.

1. USG believes some progress toward conclusion of peace has been made during past year and is optimistic re possibilities for future. Evidence of this progress may be found in exchange of communications and mtgs of representatives of Israel and some Arab states, improvement in attitude of Israel leadership and increased Israeli interest in making peace with neighbors and becoming integrated in region, and the decrease in hostile statements toward Israel by certain Arab states.

2. USG is aware of difficulties to be overcome in creating atmosphere wherein normal conditions may be restored to Near East and is endeavoring to overcome difficulties.

3. USG has no info that indicates Arab states planning resume hostilities against Israel. On other hand, USG does have info which indicates Arab states generally fear Israeli aggression. Overcoming

¹ Repeated to London, Paris, Ankara, Cairo, Amman, Beirut, Damascus, Baghdad, and Jidda.