

311. ⁴ Embs comments on above subject have been stated in Embtels 409 and 420. ⁵

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⁴ Circular telegram 311, Sept. 18, 7:14 p. m., sent to London, Beirut, Paris, Damascus, Tel Aviv, and Baghdad, reported that the Near East Arms Coordinating Committee considered on Sept. 16 the British proposal to offer 14 Meteor and Vampire jets to Israel, Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq. The United States offered no objection in the light of the Near Eastern situation and current British economic problems but asked the United Kingdom to give serious consideration to (1) making offers in terms of a "limited" number of jets instead of the specific number of 14; (2) obtaining government-to-government assurances that the jets received would be used exclusively for purposes of self defense; and (3) making deliveries gradually over a period of at least 2 years. (780.5/9-1852)

⁵ Not printed.

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357.AC/11-1462 Telegram

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

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791. FonMin Shoretz stated yesterday with respect to the Pal item on the agenda of the UN *ad hoc* comite ¹ that it is the IG objective to secure passage of a resolution calling on the parties to the dispute to enter into direct negots looking toward permanent peace settlemt. He stated that he hoped for general support for such a resolution and felt that the US cld be very helpful. He recognized there might be good reason why the US might wish to avoid playing too prominent a role in this connection and that it might accordingly be better to seek as sponsors some sympathetic Latin American, Scandinavian or Brit Commonwealth nations.

He continued that Israel wld have been pleased had the item been left off the agenda this year, but since discussion seemed inevitable it wished to make it serve a purpose in the interest of peace. He anticipated, however, that the policy of the Arab countries wld be to make propaganda and create as much confusion as possible. He said he thought it quite possible that the Arabs wld raise the Jerusalem question purely for polit reasons since they feel they can get support from some Catholic countries. He said there was nothing new about Israel's estab of its govt in Jerusalem and that he

¹ The question of the Palestine Conciliation Commission was referred by the General Assembly to the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee, which considered it at its 25th-39th meetings, from Nov. 25 to Dec. 11.