

ity of building the Trans-Arabian Pipeline, supporting instead the use of the same amount of steel in moveable tankers; (5) that failure to respect valid contracts adversely affected other private investment in Syria.

Regarding (b) Mr. Byroade was asked for his views regarding the Arab League and its future. He stated briefly that he had not been able to agree at all times with decisions of the Arab League. He mentioned, however, that he was basically in sympathy with regional cooperation; that he had personally been closely associated with efforts to strengthen European regional associations; he felt that history would show that this had been the era of the development of European Federation, even though some days it appeared that the daily motion was more backward than forward. The Assistant Secretary stated that all countries were now giving up a part of their sovereignty and indeed that the United States had also given up an important measure of its sovereignty. He believed that the Arab League could provide more positive influence than it had to date.

Mr. Byroade asked the Foreign Minister if he could visit Washington for further exploration of these subjects. The Foreign Minister was most receptive to the suggestion and stated that following his return from Mexico in several weeks he hoped to visit Washington. It was stated that this visit might correspond with Zayn al-Din's presentation of his credentials as Syrian Ambassador to the United States. Warm expressions concerning the profitability of the meeting were exchanged.

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316. Re Deptel 265 Oct 24. Dept has studied with interest responses from Damascus (Embtel 345 Nov 6) and Tel Aviv (Embtel 779 Nov 13). Dept has reached certain conclusions and suggests that if these have concurrence of field, they be used as points reference in event Shishikli-Davis-Moose meeting (Damascus 353 Nov 11 sent Tel Aviv 34),² besides being presented to Israel Fon Off.

¹ Sent also to Tel Aviv; repeated to Amman.

² In telegram 353 from Damascus, Nov. 11 (repeated to Tel Aviv as 34), Ambassador Moose welcomed the opportunity to consult with Ambassador Davis in Damascus. Moose stated that in view of his comments to Shishikli regarding Davis' opinion

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