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320/12-1752: Telegram

The Acting Secretary of State to the United States Mission at the United Nations

SECRET PRIORITY WASHINGTON, December 17, 1952—8:02 p. m.

Gadel 104. Re Palestine. By direct order of Pres conveyed to Acting Sec tonight, you are instructed to vote against any amendments to Pal res ¹ as it stands and to muster all support you can for res in its present form.

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¹ Reference is to the eight-power resolution as revised (U.N. doc. A/AC.61/L.23/Rev.4), adopted by the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee at its 39th meeting on Dec. 11. The report of the Committee (U.N. doc. A/2310) was considered by the General Assembly at its 405th and 406th plenary meetings on Dec. 18. The draft resolution proposed by the Committee was rejected by a roll-call vote of 24 in favor (including the United States) to 21 against, with 15 abstentions. (A/PV.405-406)

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884A.00 TA/12-1852: Telegram

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

SECRET PRIORITY TEL AVIV, December 18, 1952—7 p. m.

992. Pursuant proposal Embtel 966, ¹ I called on FonMin Sharett this morning accompanied by McDaniel to emphasize as instructed by Deptel 579 ² inadvisability endeavor meet debt payments from US aid funds and Dept's feeling responsibility take steps meet debt problem lies with IG. Avriel and Bendor also were present. I said I knew from our earlier conversations FonMin held view that aid program shld not be disturbed, and he readily agreed that debt management is responsibility of IG and that aid funds shld not be requested for settlement of old debts. As to latter point, however, he said he had always stressed by conversations with US officials importance attached to finding some means of refunding unmanageable short term debt. In reply stated I knew IG agreement that

¹ Telegram 966 from Tel Aviv, Dec. 16 (884A.00 TA/12-1552) stated that the Embassy and TCA Mission would soon convey to the Israeli Foreign Minister the substance of the Department's telegram 579 of Dec. 11. (884A.10/11-2652) The latter telegram stated the Department's belief that the Israeli Government must assume responsibility for meeting its debt problem, and that it was inadvisable for Israel to seek further TCA funds to meet its debt payments.

² Dated Dec. 11; see footnote 1 above.