

He afterwards informed Lynch Nuseibeh's approach to him was on somewhat different lines. Tripartite declaration not mentioned in his interview but Jordan UK treaty of alliance was strongly emphasized and following specific suggestions were made: (1) Immediate visit to Jordan of British Commander in Chief Middle East; (2) meeting of UK Jordan joint defense board; (3) increase in number British troops in Jordan. Walker said Nuseibeh pointed out that Aqaba only place in country where there are now British troops was hardly satisfactory base for assistance to country in event of Israeli invasion. He suggested troops also be stationed Mafrazin Northeast Jordan.

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684A.85/2-253: Telegram

*The Ambassador in Israel (Davis) to the Department of State*¹

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1231. Embtels 1224² and 1226,³ Amman Embassy telegram 611⁴ and Jerusalem ConGen telegram 93 to Department.⁵

It has become increasingly evident that Israel's recent incursions into Jordan and Gaza strips result from major policy decision based on conviction that volume of infiltration was intolerable and that Arab authorities concerned could not or would not cooperate in keeping it in check. It seems further that present violations of frontiers are principally military operations resulting from pursuit of armed marauders across frontiers in endeavor capture or destroy them. This is borne out by information obtained from several sources here and Jerusalem ConGen reports. Sharett told me Saturday that time and place of incidents had not been determined by IG in advance but had depended on circumstances of pursuit as part of action against intruders.

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

² In telegram 1224 from Tel Aviv, Jan. 30, Ambassador Davis reported on a conversation with the British Ambassador on the subject of Israel's relations with Jordan. (684A.85/1-3053)

³ In telegram 1226, Jan. 31, Davis reported that, upon receipt of telegram 726 (Document 552), he had conveyed to Sharett the information contained in that telegram. Sharett stated that he was leaving immediately to keep an appointment with the Prime Minister and would report to him fully the views of the United States as stated in the conversation with Davis. (684A.85/1-3153)

⁴ See footnote 2, Document 552.

⁵ Not printed.