

with Jordanians at all levels I am convinced that if the four conditions mentioned above are used as a basis for negotiations peace between Israel and the Arab States is a distinct probability. The attitudes of the Jordanian leaders are not controlled by extremists who aim at nothing less than the destruction of Israel as alleged elsewhere. Jordanian leaders will listen to reason and reason to them in the Arab-Israel complex starts with the acceptance of these four conditions.

If we adopt alternative two we shall not only have real chances of peace but we shall be acting in the best interests of the US. It is not too late to recoup our losses—financial, strategic, in prestige or otherwise—but time is running out and we must act now. The present state of affairs between Jordan and Israel makes this a matter of extreme urgency and the present economic situation in Israel (see Tel Aviv's 1209 January 29 [28]) would seem to present a golden opportunity.

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1257. Embtel 795. <sup>1</sup> Foreign Minister Sharett requested me to call at his residence this afternoon. He opened conversation by saying that it had been nearly one year since IG first indicated desire to be made eligible to receive nonreimbursable military aid and that it is now IG intent to renew request. He repeated point that Israel willing use such aid largely for harbors, roads, railroads having strategic value, rather than arms and munitions.

He referred to recent conversation between Assistant Secretary Byroade and Minister Goitein of Israel Embassy Washington from which he, Sharett, understood that US plans to aid Naguib as best means preserve political stability and build strength in area in belief that course in best interests all concerned including Israel. He understood also such aid would include military as well as economic assistance and repeated misgivings reported in prior telegrams such as 1039. <sup>2</sup> He stated quite frankly that he feels US is neglecting ally on which it can place reliance, and expressed con-

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<sup>1</sup> Document 519.<sup>2</sup> Document 536.