

Our overall conclusion is that meeting proposed in paragraph 12 should take place after forthcoming base and defense negotiations as course to be followed with Egypt will then be more clear.

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110. Comment my telegram 102, February 8. In recriminations as to who right or wrong on border issues it vitally important Israel and Arab states not lose sight of total picture. Responsible political and other leaders of public opinion both sides must be made to understand grave dangers world situation so they earnestly strive for peace and cease border bickerings, charges and counter-charges which becloud real issue although local issues very real to them.

Without going into merits either side one fact clear: Israel is in possession of much Arab land and presence of refugees is constant aggravation and reminder. Israel argument Arab military defiance 1947 partition resolution was cause does not diminish fact that nearly one million refugees are destitute. In present state affairs it would be political if not actual suicide for Arab leaders to talk sweet reasonableness to Israel. And yet I have met no responsible Arab who did not concede Israel here to stay. They may not always continue to think so and many statements and impossible demands now being made for home consumption are dangerous because it becomes unpatriotic to put forward more moderate claims (a Soviet technique).

Above all Israel must be made to see Arab point of view and realize it is often her own provocative acts and justification of them that so inflames Arab populations, that Arab leaders are forced in self protection to make such statements. Israel must grow up and not, like a little boy, yell "you're another" at every Arab act or sword-rattling pronouncement. She must return to the philosophy of Jacob who told his sons going into Egypt "take a little honey". Arab pride has been profoundly hurt by loss of war and as winner Israel must be magnanimous and conciliatory. She often does just opposite in overt actions, public statements, and unless she stops she will never have peace and will in long run fail to convince even

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<sup>1</sup> Repeated to Amman, Cairo, Beirut, Damascus, London, Paris, and Rome; sent by pouch to Baghdad, Ankara, Jidda, and Tel Aviv.