

her friends she wants peace. She must exercise patience. When she rates a gesture of goodwill such as unfreezing some Arab funds she should understand she cannot expect immediate and enthusiastic response from those whose funds they are in first place. She waited 2000 years for her state and should see wisdom of waiting patiently and accepting a few hard words for a few more to make friends with her neighbors. We should use what patient and persuasive powers we have to convince Israel and that large group of American Jews who have influence in Israel of importance this attitude.

Some of Israel's own leaders recognize her unfortunate inability to see any point of view other than her own and as Reuven Shiloah stated "her insistence on always being right is a national fault". But World War III can start here and Israel's very existence may depend on a change in her tactics.

If Israel's present state of mind described in Tel Aviv telegrams requires repetition of guarantees we determined to support her economically and prevent forcible territorial changes, these should be given. It realized it may not be too easy for Israel to show conciliation not only for internal reasons but because such action her part may be taken by Arab states as sign of weakness and result in stiffer attitude. In this Israel must trust our assurances, of which the Arabs are aware. She should also be reminded that while our official policy is to support them we are a democracy and publication of her brutal aggressions across frontiers becoming known will lessen sympathy for her and make it difficult for Congress to appropriate the needed funds.

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625. Department has carefully studied the excellent reporting from Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Amman on Israel-Jordan border situation and Department's analysis and action required are indicated hereunder:

¹ Repeated to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, London, Paris, Ankara, and the Arab capitals.