

684A.86/2-1453 Telegram

*The Ambassador in Jordan (Green) to the Department of State*¹

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688. Deptel 625² received noon Friday 13 on which day all government offices closed; therefore action prescribed was deferred until February 14.

In absence of Prime Minister (see Embtel 641, February 5)³ I called on acting Prime Minister and acting Foreign Minister Said Mufti. Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs acted as interpreter.

After I had conveyed substance of "analysis" in reference to orally making clear distinction between paragraphs 1-5 and paragraphs 6 and 7 acting Prime Minister expressed appreciation of attitude of US Government and of understanding of the situation reflected in my representations.

Acting Prime Minister detailed at some length efforts of HKJ to diminish infiltration. He stated emphatically that government believed that infiltration was not in interest of HKJ. He referred to the numbers of infiltrators or alleged infiltrators captured and held in detention camps. He said that he would speak to CINC tomorrow in regard to possible reinforcement of Arab Legion on border.

Comment, general:

Representations made in compliance instructions in ref tel have served to clear the atmosphere, promote understanding and improve relations between HKJ and US Government.

Re paragraph 1. Infiltration may be reduced but it will continue create difficulties until refugee problem is solved and until peace is established. Although we may understand why it is necessary that Arab families be separated and that Arabs be separated from the lands on which they formerly dwelled, it is often difficult for the uneducated Arabs to understand that they commit a crime going to visit their parents or in harvesting crops on lands which they formerly cultivated. No amount of policing can absolutely prevent infiltration in these circumstances.

Re paragraph 2. The Department will note that in the *aide-mémoire* the language of ref tel re national guard has been slightly modified. I feel it necessary to make this modification in order to avoid any language which might be considered derogatory to the

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

² *Supra*.

³ Not printed.