

national guard. The national guard having stood the brunt of recent Israeli attacks enjoys high popularity in Jordan and members are treated as heroes. It is believed that the language as modified conveyed the sense intended and greatly diminished possibility of giving offense. Copy of *aide-mémoire* pouched.

Two battalions of Arab Legion have been moved to border districts since Falama incident. They may be further reinforced. I am informed that Glubb feels however that Arab Legion cannot be used primarily as police force for preventing infiltration. Concentration of too great proportion Arab Legion near border interferes with necessary military training.

Re paragraph 4. Embassy is not aware that anyone in authority in Jordan has assumed that US and UN are synonymous or that US should enforce armistice agreement. Prime Minister and others have indeed expressed opinion that is in fact so dependent upon the US that the US could exercise great influence upon Israeli foreign policy when US foreign policy would seem to demand such action.

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1318. Deptel 770² and Embtel 1311.³ Saw Foreign Minister Sharett personally this morning at 10:15. Made oral representations and delivered *aide-mémoire* in accordance with instructions Deptel 770. Sharett stated that on matter of such importance he would not attempt any immediate oral reply but assured me answer would be based on most careful consideration by IG.

In absence Foreign Minister yesterday Eytan had been given outline of representations. Sharett told me he had received advance report from Eytan and had immediately informed Prime Minister Ben Gurion, who would wish to discuss matter with me later. While he avoided any formal reply or comment, Foreign Minister gave me impression that he received favorably information that USG had expressed view to both Israel and Jordan that their

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

² Printed as telegram 625 to Damascus, Document 567.

³ Not printed.