

border relations could be solved only through concerted effort on part of both countries to agree upon permanent and workable arrangements which should be faithfully implemented by both sides, utilizing facilities of mixed armistice commission. It was my impression further that he received in all seriousness representations based on numbered paragraphs 6 and 7 of reference Department's telegram. Reuven Shiloah was also present at my meeting with Sharett.

Text of *aide-mémoire* follows by air pouch. <sup>4</sup>

DAVIS

<sup>4</sup> The text of the *aide-mémoire* as delivered was sent to the Department as an enclosure to despatch 761 from Tel Aviv, Feb. 16, not printed. (684A.85/2-1653)

No. 570

786.00/2-1753

*Memorandum of Conversation, by the Director of the Office of Near Eastern Affairs (Hart)*

CONFIDENTIAL

[WASHINGTON,] February 17, 1953.

Subject: Interview with Under Secretary Smith by Diplomatic Representatives of Seven Arab States.

Participants: Mr. Mohamed Kamil Abdul Rahim, Egyptian Ambassador  
 Dr. Farid Zeineddine, Syrian Ambassador  
 Mr. Abdullah Ibrahim Bakr, Minister Plenipotentiary, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Iraq  
 Dr. Yusuf Haikal, Minister of the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan  
 Sayed Abdurrahman Ibn Abdussamed Abu-Taleb, Chargé d'Affaires, Legation of Yemen  
 Mr. Hassan Saab, First Secretary, Legation of Lebanon, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim  
 Sheikh Mohammed Muhtasib, Second Secretary, Embassy of Saudi Arabia, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim  
 Under Secretary Walter Bedell Smith  
 Assistant Secretary Henry A. Byroade, NEA  
 Mr. Parker T. Hart, Director, NE

This call had been requested on an urgent basis on February 16 by the Egyptian Embassy, speaking on behalf of the Arab group. The Egyptian Ambassador acted as primary spokesman for the