

2. Amman should again discuss infiltration situation with HKJ and report what further measures HKJ can take to continue improvement in border situation by preventing infiltration from Jordan into Israel.

3. Tel Aviv should inform IG in reply its request for advice (Tel Aviv 1550) that US Government believes Israel should settle difference with neighbors by fullest use of UN machinery and procedures.

4. Tel Aviv and Amman should report status Jordan-Israel border talks (ref Tel Aviv tel 1515 repeated Amman as 162).⁴

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⁴ Telegram 1515 from Tel Aviv, Mar. 26, stated that a representative of the Israeli Foreign Ministry had reported that the Israel-Jordan meeting originally scheduled for Mar. 30 was held Mar. 25. It was said to have been a short meeting, at which Colonel Gaon, in accordance with the previous request of Nashishibi, submitted a memorandum on Israel's anti-infiltration suggestions. The understanding was that the Jordanian Government's reaction was to be given to Vigier. (684A.85/3-2653)

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Memorandum of Conversation, by the Officer in Charge of Palestine-Israel-Jordan Affairs (Waller)

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[WASHINGTON,] April 22, 1953.

Subject: 1. Border problems with Jordan and Egypt.
2. Israel note of April 14 regarding Suez Base negotiations.¹

Participants: NEA—Mr. Byroade
Israel Ambassador Abba Eban
Col. Vivian Herzog—Defense Attaché
NE—Mr. Waller

Ambassador Eban, at his request, accompanied by Col. Herzog, called on Mr. Byroade this afternoon at 3 o'clock regarding the two subjects listed above.

1. The Ambassador read from a paper entitled "Notes on border incidents along the Israel Frontier" and presented a copy which is reproduced as an enclosure to this memorandum.²

The Ambassador was asked for clarification of paragraph 14 regarding the murder in Jerusalem April 20 of a rabbinical student and his niece, reportedly American citizens, as our information in-

¹ Not printed; for documentation on this subject, see Documents 592 ff.

² Below.