

(4) Preparation by Israel for payment of its debt, for compensation, and continued efforts to appraise this debt by the UN. Expeditious payment of all blocked refugee accounts in Israel.

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150. It is not MAC which needs enlarging (Deptel 59)² or changing but attitude of Israel and Jordan who established it in article 11 of armistice agreement to rule on compliance both parties with that armistice. Both sides should:

(1) Cease using MAC as propaganda scoreboard to expose evil acts of other.

(2) Discipline its own individual offenders when found. Punishment may not always be necessary as understandable fright may cause an illegal shot and unwitting crossing line very easy here.

(3) Where national prestige and security reasons allow, show good faith and admit in MAC just complaints of other side. Israel is especially prone to rush in counter claim for the record to every Jordan complaint.

Observers have difficult job at best and by time they reach scene of incident clear evidence not always available and evidence can and has been faked. Small wonder De Ridder has to abstain from voting on many complaints for lack of convincing evidence. Israel's denunciation of him as biased because he does not vote for Israel is to be condemned.

(4) Israel should cease yelling "infiltrator" before adequate time has elapsed for investigation, and stop calling on MAC observers for work that is primary responsibility of Israel police for crimes committed inside Israel. MAC not police force, and to criticize MAC for not doing work it is not supposed to do shows ignorance or deliberate undermining of UN prestige in area for reasons that are at best obscure. I reiterate that if Israel sincere in her protestations against infiltrators her stubborn refusal to reinstate local commanders agreements, the best method of controlling it discovered so far, not understandable (Contel 131).³

¹ Repeated to Amman, Cairo, Tel Aviv, Beirut, Damascus, Baghdad, London, and Paris.

² Printed as telegram 962 to Tel Aviv, Document 600.

³ Not printed.