

(5) When Israel police have fingerprints, bits of clothing or other evidence they feel point to infiltrator they should give such evidence to Jordan MAC delegates with request for investigation (not done in Genauer case—Contel 143). * Jordan would be admittedly reluctant to find its own citizens guilty but it does not want murderers wandering around Jordan unpunished.

UN itself can help bring about increase in prestige of MAC by appointing press officer who, while withholding names of observers and certain gruesome details tending to inflame public, would publish correct version. MAC decisions are now known to both Israel and Jordan authorities who varnish them for propaganda purposes. A UN press officer could do much to tone down some of the purple prose of Nashashzbi and the frequent distortions of fact and worse, the building up of tension and fear, appearing in Israel press.

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962. Foreign Minister in conversation with me and Counselor of Embassy May 13 formally confirmed and elaborated statements made in earlier brief conversations I have had with him and with Prime Minister in regard position Arab Governments have agreed to take in conversations with Secretary State concerning possible peace with Israel. He said that meeting of Foreign Ministers in Cairo had unanimously decided that only basis of peace which could be considered is complete implementation of all United Nations resolutions on Palestine beginning 1947.

I suggested that Arabs might lose golden opportunity if they gave Secretary of State impression that they were unanimously intransigent and unwilling to consider compromise or negotiation and I urged a more reasonable attitude. He was rigid and adamant stating that he was enunciating fixed determination of HKJ on this subject.

This attitude differs widely from attitude of former Prime Minister, former Minister of Defense and ex-senior Regent as previously

¹ Repeated to Tel Aviv (for Secretary Dulles), Cairo, Beirut, Baghdad, Damascus, Jidda, and Tripoli.