

tion re organized gangs), would seem desirable encourage Jordan meet directly present Israel lack of confidence in Jordan motives. Department may wish use Prime Minister's reply to Secretary. (Embassy telegram 1787) to call attention Jordan Government to Secretary's personal intervention and express hope Jordan Government will cooperate and endeavor demonstrate that Israel contention Jordan unwilling take effective action against guilty parties has no foundation in fact. At same time we should urge Israel as its contribution to more effective implementation local commanders agreement to provide Jordan authorities information it states it has re identity of persons committing crimes from Jordan territory.

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1059. Ref Deptel 625 Amman, 770 Tel Aviv, 40 Jerusalem, 5372 London, 4389 Paris, February 12² and recent tels Amman Tel Aviv Jerusalem re Jordan-Israel border situation.

1. Department continues believe solution Israel-Jordan border violations lies in concerted effort both parties reach permanent workable arrangements faithfully implemented by both sides with policing and necessary investigations by MAC.

2. Department not in position determine responsibility recent incidents but from record to date Israel appears bear at least its share circumstantial responsibility for current tension since incidents cited Amman's 979, 984, 992 and 1001³ are *prima facie* more serious than Shaar Hagai and Shariff incidents reported Tel Aviv's 1782.⁴ Should Israel "occupy one or two spots" now occupied by Jordan USG would probably consider this as requiring action under Tripartite Declaration. Department approves Russell's remarks to Sharett (Tel Aviv 1782) and authorizes IG be informed of above plus first two points recommendation Tel Aviv's 1783.⁵

¹ Repeated to Amman as telegram 952, to Jerusalem as telegram 69, to Tripoli (for Secretary Dulles), and to New York; sent by air pouch to London, Paris, Baghdad, Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, and Jidda.

² Document 567.

³ Dated May 19, 21, 22, and 26, respectively; none printed.

⁴ Document 614.

⁵ Document 615.