

3. Department pleased to note Israel has accepted Secretary's suggestion that Israel agree to reinstitution local commanders agreement with Jordan but concerned that such acceptance conditioned by adaptation terms "to present circumstances". However, believing recognizing Israel's act is step forward, it is hoped both parties will fully implement agreement.

4. Without disclosing details Amman may inform HKJ U.S. has made serious representations to IG re border situation and that it considers over-all border problems should be discussed in high level Jordan-Israel talks. Department understands Israel already indicated willingness undertake such discussions and, since Israel has shown evidence of good will regarding local commanders agreement, Embassy Amman should now urge Jordan Government reciprocate by agreeing to high level talks. Department informed British Ambassador Amman instructed make similar representations Jordan Government.

5. FYI Department is confidentially informed Israel intends replace present military forces along Jordan frontier, which are changed often, to civil police who will make their homes in vicinity and thus present degree permanence to enforcement machinery. Similar system by Jordan might contribute success local commanders agreement.

6. Since neither Israel nor Jordan have taken full advantage UN machinery for airing border situation in Security Council, USG now considering advisability of taking initiative in raising in Security Council question of strengthening UN machinery. USG expects consult UK and French near future. Comments requested. End FYI.

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TEL AVIV, May 29, 1953—12 a. m.

1827. Called on Foreign Minister Sharett yesterday afternoon and expressed views re border situation pursuant Department's telegram 1059.²

¹ Repeated to London, Amman, and Jerusalem.

² *Supra*.