

would appreciate your views as to the report's authenticity and any other information on the matter which may come to the attention of the Embassy.

Another indication of a more favorable Egyptian attitude is Egypt's apparent readiness to sign an agreement with UNRWA for refugee projects in the Gaza-Sinai area. If these projects materialize, they may prove an opening wedge for further moves leading to a decrease at least in the number of unassimilated refugees under Egyptian control. I would much appreciate your comments on the possibility of this agreement being signed and on its significance.

Sincerely yours,

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684A.85/6-1453: Telegram

*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Israel*¹

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1115. Tel Aviv telegrams 1888² and 1893.³ On instructions Israel Government Ambassador Eban asked urgently for appointment with Secretary June 12 but because Secretary and Byroade not immediately available Jernegan received him.⁴ Eban related several incidents including those reported reflets and requested USG make strong representations to Jordan Government on basis Jordan either unable or unwilling control border situation. Department informed Israel Embassy today it considers representations to HKJ premature in light apparent efforts Glubb implement local commanders agreement reported Tel Aviv tel 1905.⁵ Tel Aviv may so inform Foreign Ministry. Both Amman and Tel Aviv should use every opportunity urge full wholehearted implementation commanders agreement.

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¹ Repeated to Amman, Jerusalem, London, Paris, and Cairo.

² Telegram 1888 from Tel Aviv, June 10, reported that the entire Israeli press was making use of the fact that an incident at Tiryat Yehuda on June 9 had occurred only 12 hours after the signing of the Local Commanders' Agreement. (684A.85/6-1053)

³ Telegram 1893 from Tel Aviv, June 11, reported on an incident that day at Kfar Hess. (684A.85/6-153)

⁴ A memorandum of this conversation, not printed, is in file 684A.85/6-1253.

⁵ Not printed.