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

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64. Deptels 32 and 48, Embdes 58, Embtels 90 and 98.² Embassy's instructions are to limit Foreign Ministry relations to Liaison Office unless specifically authorized to contrary and decline all invitations to official functions Jerusalem. Department informed by British Embassy this also UK position. French state they will limit contact to Liaison Office as long as US and UK do.

Continue consult with friendly colleagues and endeavor maintain common approach. Report any difficulties encountered. Consultation also underway Washington.

Airgram follows.

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¹ Repeated to Paris, London, Ankara, Bern, Canberra, Rome, Brussels, Stockholm, and Jerusalem; sent by air pouch to the Arab capitals.

² None printed; all dealt with the transfer of the Israeli Foreign Ministry effective July 12.

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

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108. Tripartite talks on freedom transit Suez Canal started (Deptel 9 to Cairo)² July 21.³ United Kingdom and France suggested calling urgently secret conference Maritime Powers with primary interest in canal to consider means ensuring freedom transit including "last resort measures". Egypt would not be invited to meeting.

Conference to agree on joint declaration to be issued in association with Egypt. United Kingdom made clear desired this larger conference regardless progress in Suez Base talks. If agreement on joint approach to Egypt not reached United Kingdom said would feel obliged raise freedom transit issue in connection Base negotia-

¹ Repeated to London and Paris.

² Document 633.

³ The minutes of the tripartite meetings of July 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, and 29 are in file 974.5301.