

Orders were: (1) Legion was on border for defense purposes only; (2) under no circumstances was Legion to leave Jordan territory; (3) under no circumstances was Legion to undertake reprisal. He felt, therefore, there was little likelihood that border reinforcement would lead to border flare-up.

I expressed my appreciation of what appeared to me to be sincere effort of Jordan Government to preserve peace and told Prime Minister I would convey his statement to my government. ³

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³ The Department replied on Aug. 28 by suggesting that the Chargé might at an appropriate opportunity wish to express to the Jordanian Prime Minister the appreciation of the U.S. Government for his statement of clarification regarding the Legion's orders, and indicate the continuing concern of the United States over the situation created by military build-ups on both sides of the border. The Department agreed with Lynch's suggestion that the Prime Minister was the best means of handling the publicity problem. (684A.85/8-2553)

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The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Israel

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161. Enrbtel 248. ¹ Prior Eban's departure for Paris meeting Israel diplomatic representatives and consultation Israel (reportedly arriving Aug 30) he met separately with Undersecretary Smith ² and Asst Secretaries Murphy ³ and Byroade. ⁴ Main topics these conversations (air pouched memos of which due arrive Emb Sept 1) were (1) Jerusalem and US position re Foreign Ministry transfer and (2) military and economic aid.

Re (1) Dept stated possible solutions Jerusalem problem being studied; decisions not yet taken on desirability any particular solution or consideration question at forthcoming GA, which will have crowded agenda probably making it desirable avoid inclusion Jerusalem. Reiterated US displeasure over untimeliness Foreign Minis-

¹ Telegram 248 from Tel Aviv, Aug. 24, noted the expected arrival of Eban in Israel that week and requested a summary of the position taken by the Department in discussions with him prior to his departure. (784A.02/8-2453)

² The memorandum of Smith's conversation with Eban on Aug. 13, not printed, is filed under 784A.13/8-1353.

³ The memorandum of Murphy's conversation with Eban on Aug. 12, not printed, is filed under 320/8-1253.

⁴ The memorandum of Byroade's conversation with Eban on Aug. 19, not printed, is filed under 784A.13/8-1953.