

American, British, French representatives in Jordan (outlined Embtel 171).³ Question arises whether action recommended, even if followed, will be strong enough to permit Jordan Government to withstand popular pressure for some kind of Jordanian retaliatory action. I do not know.

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³ In telegram 171 from Amman, Oct. 18, Lynch reported on a résumé of joint views on the Arab-Israeli situation drafted by the British and French representatives in Amman and himself, in view of the tripartite approach to the Security Council. The résumé recommended, *inter alia*, that some positive step be urgently taken to reduce dangerous tension, in particular, that the Security Council condemn Israel for the Qibya incident, and for her attitude regarding the waters of the upper Jordan; and that the Security Council threaten Israel with sanctions unless her attitude changed. Failing such Security Council action, the résumé stated that the three Western powers should consider action based on the phrase in the Tripartite Declaration providing for action outside the United Nations. (120.280/10-1853)

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The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Syria

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143. Re Embtel 149¹ Emb shld if necessary make abundantly clear to Shishakli that incident similar Tel al-Mutilah wld not embellish Syr case. Dept has backed fully Bennike decision, has withheld economic aid Israel. Finally, US in concert with UK and France is spearheading Security Council examination incidents. In return US hopes Syr will exercise all possible restraint and permit Security Council reach decision without further complications.

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¹ Not printed, but see footnote 6, Document 693.

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Q. Mr. Secretary, has the United States cut off aid to Israel for the time being until that situation out there has quieted down?