

careful consideration his statements. Needless to say, President would not have despatched Johnston on such a mission unless convinced his complete objectivity.

Position of Jamali (Baghdad's 227 to Department)<sup>5</sup> especially detrimental to Arab interests here. His refusal receive Johnston on pretext he official American Christian Committee for Palestine ignores fact Johnston visiting area solely as representative of President. Such attitude bound to be resented by US public. Department compelled take into account detrimental effect such attitude on its efforts relieve tension and improve conditions in area.

Missions instructed bring above points to attention governments to which accredited. Except in case Baghdad Missions should not mention Jamali by name.

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<sup>5</sup> Not printed.

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### *The Chargé in Jordan (Lynch) to the Department of State*<sup>1</sup>

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201. From Johnston.

1. Jordan Prime Minister received Lynch and me at his home evening 24th. Meeting at which Foreign Minister and Minister Education also present lasted two and one half hours. Three other Cabinet Ministers later joined.

2. During 48 hours which elapsed between first (see Embtel 190)<sup>2</sup> and second meetings with Prime Minister local atmosphere had steadily worsened. Reports and rumors piled up that Arab League political committee had voted to reject US proposals out of hand. British Ambassador told me 23rd that Prime Minister was under strong pressure to refuse to see me at all. Furlonge stated he had felt constrained point out folly of such behavior to Prime Minister in strong terms. Local press attacked me morning 24th as "pure Jew" and prime mover among US Zionists. When I arrived at Prime Minister's house for second meeting Foreign Minister was hostile to point where he opened conversation with insulting refer-

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to Baghdad, Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, London, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Paris, and Jidda.

<sup>2</sup> Document 704.