

precedents calling for interruption US aid in number of parts of world.

Some criticism has arisen here that we cut off aid to Israel for UN violation while many other nations are continually in violation UN decisions. The answer to this point is that we were backing the UN machinery in a local situation where it appeared without such backing a real threat to the peace would develop.

FYI If Israel fails implement the promise to cease work or later shows unwilling comply with UN-SC decision on this project, new situation will have been created which we can face on merits at that time.

Secretary today announced programs for economic aid to other states Near East are in advance state formulation and that it is expected some of them can shortly be announced. You should make clear if necessary that economic aid to other states of Near East has not been held up to keep step with suspension grant aid to Israel.

Syrian Ambassador has been given above explanation which he appeared understand had merits. He thought it most important Ambassador Moose explain US philosophy in Damascus at earliest opportunity.

Other recipients can make appropriate use of foregoing. The Secretary's statement being wired separately contains other useful information.

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230. Re: Palestine in SC. Riad (Egypt) informed USUN yesterday Arab delegates will not participate SC debate for time being until they have heard what Western powers propose or until Israel involves them in such way they must respond. Riad reiterated Egypt's desire avoid involvement Palestine question and was anxious know US intentions with respect El Auja incident. In view of fact no decision had been taken in MAC on right of Israel establish kibutzes in demilitarized zone Egypt would like see SC ruling in her favor. Area where kibutzes have been located, in Riad's opinion, should be maintained as no-man's-land to provide a military