

(c) Note that there is substantial evidence of infiltration into Israel from Jordan and request Jordan to take any further steps necessary to ensure infiltration is stopped.

(d) Reminder to parties of their obligations under the UN Charter and General Armistice Agreement not to resort to force to settle their disputes.

(e) Express the Council's concern at the failure of the parties to achieve progress toward a lasting settlement of the issues outstanding between them by peaceful means.

(f) Direct Chief of Staff to report to SC within given time on compliance given to resolution.

(g) Request Secretary General to furnish such additional personnel and assistance as Bennike may request.

4. With regard Qibya: I would appreciate your views after consultation with British and French on whether SC might hold that Israel should pay reasonable compensation.

5. I do not believe that Truce Supervision Organization can be strengthened by having Committee of Experts sent to area to consult with or assist Bennike. I believe it is important that we not create any new UN body now in connection with Palestine question however temporary its purpose. If it is felt that expert advice is needed you might suggest that Secretary General in conjunction with Bennike might submit a report to SC within stipulated period of time on how if possible TSO could function more effectively.

6. Suggestions for US statement will follow.

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176. From Johnston. Moose and I with Bergus, Barnes, Clark had two hour session Shishakli this morning. At conclusion the door remained open, I had assurances Syria would study and consider Jordan Valley plan, and I would be welcome if I returned for further discussions. Shishakli's attitude was as follows:

1. He steadfastly insisted on hinging Syrian acceptance of TVA plan on Israel's "compliance with UN Resolutions". Obviously a large element of political self-protection in this position which might become less categorical later on but I was unable to move him from it despite every possible effort do so.

¹ Repeated to Amman, Beirut, Cairo, and Tel Aviv.