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1. Stable, friendly governments in area capable withstanding Communist-inspired subversion.
2. Settlement major issues between Arab States and Israel with view eventual peace.
3. Change present anti-American trends in Arab world in hope of preventing increased Soviet influence.

Bearing in mind current trends in Jordan which are more and more adverse to position and prestige of west, is US making progress toward achievement of these objectives? I submit that we are not, that we are losing sight of our objectives and that we have reached in our thinking extremely unfortunate stage where, with a seriously dangerous lack of realism, we are prepared to disregard Arab psychology in the interest of what we consider "hard common sense". This road, in my opinion, can only lead to disaster in our relations with the Arabs. For instance if we are to get anywhere we must accept as a reality the fact no Jordanian leader would dare adopt a policy which can be presented by his political opponents as meaning cooperation with Israel. Not only his political future, but his life, would be at stake.

Use of pressure in form of threats to withhold economic aid of our plan for use of Jordan waters is rejected would practically remove all possibility attainment our objectives and play into the hands of the Communists and rabid nationalists of area. Result of such threats will be that we will be told to keep our aid and withdraw Point IV as well. Believe we should stop and think before proceeding any further along such a dangerous path.

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1800. Ambassador Johnston saw Foreign Minister Thursday evening and gave him account his trip in some detail. Foreign Minister said that Johnston's own estimate of extent to which various

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