

attended by Embassy representatives, Johnston outlined results his mission.¹

British appeared impressed by his accomplishments which they described as "remarkable". No decisions reached except that British agreed with Johnston that plan would require further careful study and preparation and undertook do their best support subsequent mission early next year. Only British reservation was fear that laying too much emphasis on necessity of acceptance of plan might "put us in embarrassing position" if opposition of states concerned proved to be insurmountable.

I then took Johnston to see Eden who was most cordial. After Johnston had explained his reception while on the mission, Eden said that he thought that Johnston had done remarkably well to have kept the door open. Johnston explained that he was seeing the press immediately afterwards and at his suggestion Eden wrote out following statement for him to use:

"Mr. E. Johnston had a talk with Mr. Eden who told him HMG were considering his very interesting report, and hoped to have further discussions upon it at an early date."

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¹ A memorandum summarizing this meeting was sent as enclosure 1 to despatch 1736 from London, Nov. 16, not printed. (120.280/11-1653)

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225. Bunger and I summoned in audience by King today, November 10, who wished to discuss Yarmuk and TVA plan. The King first inquired whether there was to be a delay in the development of the Yarmuk as a result of the new so-called broader plan. I replied that United States was now thinking in terms of the plan to which Johnston mission had given its support on recent visit. King then said that there was no possibility now or for years to come of cooperation or collaboration direct or indirect by Jordan with Israel. He reminded us of Israeli attitude as exemplified by organized armed massacres and elimination of whole villages by Israeli troops and pointed out, too, that Israel's attitude was clearly shown

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