

force), I urge that this telegram be read in conjunction with Embtels 771, 102, 129 and 152.²

I think that the time has now come to recognize that, despite the extremely able and persuasive presentation of the TVA plan by Mr. Johnston, the reception accorded him in Jordan was, in fact, the minimum demanded by the requirements of traditional Arab hospitality. I feel I would be remiss in my duty if I did not make it clear to the Department that in my view if the door in Jordan ever was open it is now shut tight.

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² None printed.

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The Secretary of State to the United States Mission at the United Nations

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227. For Lodge. We do not believe we should modify our plan to table in SC Qibya resolution as now drafted because of Eban's speech of November 12.¹ Furthermore, we hope your remarks in supporting resolution² will conform to text sent USUN.³

Eban's call for Israel-Jordan talks at UN and emphasis on progress towards peace, while perhaps effective in mustering public support for Israel position, not likely in practice to contribute to improving Near Eastern situation. We see no prospect whatsoever that Jordan, particularly at this time, would consent engage in such talks with Israel. Bennike's reports demonstrated Israel's culpability for Qibya incident and we believe she should be censured for this attack both as deterrent to repetition and as essential move to counter Arab conviction neither UN nor US prepared act against Israel. Reports from field indicate strength of Arab reaction against US stemming from Qibya and Banat Ya'qub incidents

¹ U.N. doc. S/PV. 637.

² The pending draft resolution on the Qibya incident, sponsored by France, the United Kingdom, and the United States, was introduced as S/3139. Department of State documentation concerning drafting changes is largely contained in file 684A.85.

³ For the text of Ambassador Wadsworth's remarks as delivered in the Security Council on Nov. 20 in support of the draft resolution, see U.N. doc. S/PV.640. For the text of the revised draft resolution as adopted on Nov. 24, see Document 733.