

is taken directly from statements made here by the US on the Huleh question, May 18, 1951.

The previous administration also made it very clear that they considered that this matter should be viewed on the basis of civilian and peaceful development and not on the basis of military advantage and that the word "demilitarization" was intended to cover troops and not topographic and other features. It was for these reasons I included reference to the truce superseding the armistice in paragraph 1, and demilitarization in paragraph 9.

I also regard these points as vital as regards my paragraph 12. I hope I may have authority to include it in our statement if you do not desire to have it in the resolution, although I believe it is less contentious to include it in the resolution.

I am discussing this with French and British and will let you know their reactions.

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*Memorandum by the Deputy Director for International Organization Affairs in the Office of United Nations Political and Security Affairs (Popper) to the Secretary of State*¹

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Subject: Status Report on Banat Yakov

1. Status of Department Draft

On December 4 you approved a draft resolution on this problem, which USUN communicated to the British and French Delegations for their views (Tab A).² The principle underlying this draft is that the Security Council should pronounce itself in support of the authority of General Bennike, without entering into the merits of the dispute, and should return the problem to him and to the parties for settlement. The British desired amendment of the paragraph calling upon the parties to comply with Bennike's decisions (paragraph 6) so as to call upon Israel to continue the suspension of the work unless General Bennike authorized its resumption. We told Ambassador Lodge this concept could be added to the resolution but must not replace our paragraph 6. The French accepted our

¹ Sent through the Executive Secretariat. A note by O'Connor on the source text indicates that the memorandum was seen by the Secretary on Dec. 10.

² The tabs herein mentioned do not accompany the source text. Tab A was presumably the draft resolution contained in telegram 261 to New York, Document 743.