

not see how the SC could take action against individuals or states without further evidence in the matter.

Mr. Byroade said public statements and the bus incident have increased fears but we do not have information indicating a general deterioration in the area. The Ambassador then listed infiltration, murders and robberies in Israel since last October. Mr. Byroade said our records indicate the only increased activity is in Israel patrol forays and the loss of Jordanian lives.

The Secretary said we would give the entire question our serious consideration but could not contemplate SC action until we had talked with the U.K. and France. ¹

¹ This conversation was summarized in circular telegram 831, Mar. 25, 9:41 p. m., the last paragraph of which noted that "Secretary made no comment re (1) formal Israel request US refrain from providing military assistance Iraq in present 'critical state affairs' or (2) Israel suggestion signatories Tripartite Declaration express opposition hostile acts such as boycott, blockade, etc. to supplement Declaration's references to forceful border changes." (684A.86/3-2654)

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The Ambassador in Saudi Arabia (Wadsworth) to the Department of State ¹

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411. Regarding Amman Embtel 365, March 22 to Department repeated information Jidda 20. ² During call on head Saudi Foreign Office month ago on other matters, he said I should know "our friends in Riyadh" are disturbed at reports from Washington of large grant economic aid to Israel, apparently \$60 million this year and probably \$80 million next year. I gathered King himself had said this was inconsistent with declared new US policy of impartiality between Arabs and Jews. Despatch follows. ³

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¹ Repeated to Amman.

² Telegram 365 from Amman, Mar. 22 (repeated for information to the Arab capitals and Tel Aviv) reads as follows:

"Foreign Office today stated understanding US proposes increase economic aid to Israel next fiscal year and points out such action cannot be calculated to increase understanding or friendship for US. I believe this local action part general Arab approach." (784A.5 MSP/3-2254)

³ Not printed.