

Eden said that he agreed entirely with our analysis as well as my apprehensions and that he likewise was puzzled as to policy to pursue. He said that UK had tried to get Jordan and Israel together on border problems but that Jordan had refused. He believes that USSR now will veto any such talks within the UN, although Allen expressed doubt on this score. Allen noted that Prime Minister of Jordan had recently told UK Ambassador that he would not personally object to meeting on frontier problems with the Secretary General in small subcommittee of the Security Council.

I said that it was my understanding Arabs would not agree to any agenda for such a meeting and that all they were interested in was securing another resolution of censure for Israel.

Allen suggested (and Eden agreed) that only current course was to nibble at edges of problem seeking first frontier control. He felt we should continue to try to get them together under the aegis of UN. Failing that, we might attempt procedure now being used with Trieste under which two of us presumably the French would talk first to one side and then the other in effort to narrow area disagreement and find solution acceptable to both parties.

I pointed out physical as well as political difficulties of effective border control and emphasized importance of restoration cooperation between both police forces which I had urged on my trip last May.

The matter was left that we agreed our estimates of the situation and its seriousness were substantially identical but that I had not committed the US to any particular proposal or course of action. Eden said that UK would attempt to put their suggestions for moving forward on frontier problem in concrete form and then instruct their Embassy to discuss it with Department.

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1304. As Department is aware, during past several years Egyptian authorities have only on rare occasions talked to me about Israel. I have never seen Egyptians more deeply and universally

¹ Repeated to London, Paris, the Arab capitals, Jerusalem, and New York.