

fic would not bear another speech in the immediate future regardless of its contents.

I am going to furnish you a brief synopsis of the reactions in the area to my two speeches. If you do decide to speak this will allow you to chart with precision the effects of what you will say. It is impossible to make a speech on this subject without severe criticism regardless of the care used in wording because of the delicate innuendos surrounding each aspect of the problem. It is partly for this reason that I felt it well to have someone of lesser rank than yourself talk first about some of the fundamentals of the Arab-Israeli problem.⁵

⁵ Marginal notation by Byroader: "PS. The Vice President told me last nite at the airport he thought my speech was all right. B."

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4987. With Eden's approval, Foreign Office has instructed Washington and Paris to propose to US and French Governments that approach be made to Jordan in near future along lines mentioned Embtel 4636, April 21. In spite of possibility French support may not be forthcoming, British are hopeful that it will and in any event think US and UK should approach HKJ. Doke, newly appointed British Ambassador, arrives Amman early next week and will discuss proposal with his American and French colleagues as soon as possible (we suggested Mallory may be absent at Istanbul conference, to which Foreign Office replied matter could await Mallory's return).

Foreign Office believes no indication should be given to Israelis, or anyone else, including UN, at this time that HKJ being approached but in accordance with so-called "Trieste procedure" idea would be for three powers next talk Israelis, assuming approach to Jordan fruitful. Basis of approach would be suggestions for improving armistice machinery substantially along lines Section III B of enclosure to Department's CA-6175, April 28, with exception of

¹ Repeated to Paris, Tel Aviv, and Amman.