

vestigation. Integration at local commander level seems more important. Jordanian police are part of Arab Legion and police commanders are primarily legion officers some of whom already have British police training. British technicians might prove unacceptable to Israelis view Jordan-UK treaty relationship.

d. Under Item 6 chairman should also have authority to refuse to entertain complaints he feels are appropriate concern local commanders thus elevating importance local commander meetings and stopping MAC agency from becoming clogged.

e. If the problems involved in obtaining Jordan acceptance to a delineation of implication attaching that it is a permanent frontier with Israel could be solved, the British proposal that "minor rectifications of the armistice line to reunite villages and farms with their lands and water supplies" should be made an integral part of Item 10.

f. As much of the traffic mentioned in Item 12 is contraband Consulate General doubts the real effectiveness of the convoys proposed and questions the statement that this illegal traffic "generally may be innocent in motive". On other hand, such convoys, if established, would be impressive evidence of UN interest.

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The following comments, numbered to correspond with the suggested measures listed under Section III B, are submitted in response to the communication cited above which was received on May 8.

1. The Embassy believes it would not be wise to appoint a new chief of staff at the present time. Any American who held this position would have the disadvantage among the Arabs of their recollection of what they considered as General Riley's favoritism to the Israelis. Furthermore, reputations earned in the US or in the West generally are not automatically recognized in the Near East. The fact that a general is world famous does not "force" an Arab to respect him. While the relationship between the officer and the effectiveness of the office is not denied, the Embassy believes it more