

Secretary Byroade's recent speech in Philadelphia but agreed with him that we should allow this matter to rest for the time being.

9. The Conference perceived that, in addition to the legal basis and political practicability of their recommendations, there were complications of an unusual nature which might result in putting the recommendations into effect. For instance: It seemed likely that Syria would oppose the use of French troops in Syria even in aid against Israeli aggression. There would be a question whether the forces of a state against which aggression had been committed should be considered as allies. There would also be a question whether, upon our interception in behalf of a victim of aggression, others might decide to participate, ostensibly in collaboration but possibly to serve their own special ends.

10. The Conference endorsed actions by the US Government during the past year in implementing the policy of impartial friendship to all states of the area. The Conference believed that this policy was correct and could see no satisfactory alternative to meet the dangers in the Middle East. The Conference believed that this policy should be pursued, bearing in mind that in its implementation care must be taken so that unfounded fears of Israel would not result in rash action on their part.

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792. Embtel 1168.² Dept has concluded that need for ready access IG officials in connection with border situation and other important matters, together with general disintegration common front on Jerusalem question among diplomatic corps Tel Aviv, makes it desirable establish Embassy-Foreign Ministry working relationship and contact with Sharett. UK and French Embassies here being informed that U.S. prepared enter into arrangement as follows:

1) Emb officers below rank mission chief or chargé may transact business with Foreign Ministry Jerusalem as occasion warrants providing high level Ministry officials will be available Liaison Office Tel Aviv at regular and frequent intervals.

¹ Repeated to London, Paris, Rome, and Jerusalem; sent by pouch to Amman, Baghdad, Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, and Jidda.

² Not printed.