

2) Proposal this arrangement to IG accompanied by clear statement it is made solely in mutual interest facilitating working relations, does not constitute change U.S. policy toward question internationalization Jerusalem, and would be discontinued should arrangement be misconstrued by Israel press or radio.

3) Mission chief or chargé authorized establish contact with Sharett through courtesy call Prime Ministry and subsequent informal social contact Jerusalem.

Upon return from Istanbul Russell instructed consult with UK, French and other colleagues as appropriate and proceed along foregoing lines.³

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³ On May 17, the Department advised the Embassy that it saw no firm assurance that a courtesy call by Russell on Sharett, or Embassy calls at the Foreign Ministry in accordance with the Department's telegram 792 to Tel Aviv, would not be publicized before the *démarche* to the Jordanian Government regarding border measures had been completed. Such calls might be interpreted by the Jordanian Government as belying any assurance that it was being consulted first. Therefore, unless action had already been taken, the Embassy was instructed to take no initiative toward such calls until it had received final instructions following the completion of the *démarche* in Amman. (Telegram 799 to Tel Aviv, May 17, 6:23 p. m.; 684A.85/5-1754)

On June 16, following the completion of the initial *démarche* in Amman, the Embassy was authorized to proceed to establish a working relationship with the Israeli Foreign Ministry in accordance with points one and two of the Department's telegram 792 of May 14. A courtesy call by Russell on the Prime Minister at Jerusalem would fulfill point three of telegram 792; this in turn was to pave the way for informal social contact with the Prime Minister. Russell was instructed to refrain from attending social functions at Jerusalem, but subordinate officers or service attachés might be permitted to attend at the Embassy's discretion. (Telegram 861 to Tel Aviv, June 16, 7:25 p. m.; 684A.85322/6-1654)

No. 826

684A.85/5-1454: Telegram

*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in France*¹

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WASHINGTON, May 15, 1954—3:04 p. m.

4099. Reference Embassy's telegram 4382 May 14.² French Embassy representative invited call at Department May 13 (same day that United Kingdom notified of our final agreement on approach mentioned Department's telegram 4070).³ He called May 14 and

¹ Repeated to London, Amman, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and New York.

² Not printed.

³ Telegram 4070 to Paris, a repeat of the Department's telegram 443 to Amman, May 13, 7:14 p. m., advised that the Department and United Kingdom representatives had agreed to proceed with the informal approach to Jordan (and later to Israel) regarding border measures. The Department and the British Foreign Office

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