

6. Observers to enjoy freedom of movement and investigation at all points of the border.

7. Additional equipment for observers, such as tracking dogs, helicopters and improved radio communications.

8. Each party to inform the Mixed Armistice Commission of the punishment of persons convicted of infiltration or other violations of the armistice.

9. Demarcation of the border by United Nations observers (without prejudice to political rights and claims of either side), this if possible to follow frontier rectifications, and the erection of physical barriers at the most important points.

10. A system of passes for the movement of Arabs from the Gaza Strip to Jordan under United Nations supervision. (A good deal of such traffic is innocent in motive and its regularization should serve to reduce incidents.)

11. Any other preventive measures, whether by the parties or the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

The foregoing suggestions have been presented to the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of The Jordan.

The Department of State hopes that the Government of Israel, whose views and recommendations regarding possible measures are earnestly sought, will give serious consideration to these suggestions which have been formulated out of a sincere desire to see constructive and feasible steps taken to reduce border tension.

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873. In its discretion Embassy may reply as follows to Sharett request that USG endeavor influence HKJ cease "series of reckless and provocative firings by Jordan border patrols" (Jerusalem tel 190):<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to Amman and Jerusalem; sent by pouch to London and New York.

<sup>2</sup> Telegram 190 from the Consulate General at Jerusalem, June 20, contained a further report by Chargé Russell on his meeting that morning with Sharett at which he delivered the *aide-memoire* on border measures (*supra*). The Prime Minister stated that the killing of two Israeli patrol guards the morning before and the fatal wounding of a third was only the culmination of a series of reckless and provocative firings by Jordanian border patrols upon Israeli patrols during the past few weeks. The Prime Minister asked that the United States exert its influence with the Jordanian Government to bring about their cessation. (684A.85/6-2054)