

1. Deep US concern over entire border situation shown by proposals advanced together with UK and France on May 22.

2. We particularly disturbed over firing in Jerusalem both because of exceptionally serious nature and possible damage Holy Places. We note that after most careful investigation UNTSO unable ascertain which party fired first shot and fully endorse General Bennike's injunction that both sides should concentrate on preventing recurrences such incidents.

3. In our view Jerusalem episode symptomatic disturbed conditions along entire border and we hope it will impress on both sides need for cooperation in necessary remedial steps. We believe most effective way achieving stability which all desire is through implementation measures suggested by three powers.

4. No evidence available to us of Israel intention launch attack against Jordan, and we note UNTSO found no evidence either side planned offensive. Should we find that any state is preparing violate frontiers or armistice lines we would immediately take action together with UK and France under Tripartite Declaration.

At its discretion Jidda may communicate above to Saudis in reply message Embtel 15<sup>3</sup> from King Saud.

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<sup>3</sup> In telegram 15 from Jidda, July 9, Ambassador Wadsworth reported that the head of the Foreign Office had called on him with a message from King Saud. After outlining recent events in Jerusalem, the message said: "Saudi Government is highly agitated. It is announcing on Mecca radio that it will give any help asked by Jordan and it has sent instructions to Ambassador Asad in Washington to protest to US Government and United Nations against this Israeli barbarism." (123 Hare, Raymond A.)

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### *Memorandum of Conversation, by the Officer in Charge of Egypt and Anglo-Egyptian Sudan Affairs (Burdett)*

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[WASHINGTON,] July 16, 1954.

Subject: Israel

Participants: Mr. Abba Eban, Ambassador of Israel  
 General Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff, Israel Defense Forces  
 Mr. Reuven Shiloah, Minister of Israel  
 NEA—Mr. Byroade  
 NE—Mr. Burdett

Mr. Byroade welcomed General Dayan to the United States and inquired whether he had any special points to raise. The General