

5. Basic friendship American people for Israel is well known and unique so far as Near East concerned. Nothing has happened to change that friendship. Israel need not feel alone or abandoned.

6. It is true removal of strains on Arab states may strengthen them but Israel cannot expect us perpetuate those strains just to keep Arabs weak vis-à-vis Israel. Our program of arms for Iraq designed promote situation in area basically favorable to Israel. Secretary emphasized this to Jamali recently. We will carefully examine proposed arms program for Egypt, which is likely to be minor in character and will not shift power balance.

Secretary promised give further study points made by Ambassador and suggested they have another meeting before Eban's departure. (This meeting scheduled August 7.)

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138. Deptel 60.<sup>2</sup> My statement to Sharett followed exactly Deptel 41,<sup>3</sup> except for cryptographic requirements.

In addition to discussion reported Embtel 109,<sup>4</sup> Sharett said he felt US could have made simple request without detailing measures we would take in event of non-compliance. I replied we attached great importance to efforts being made at this time to make progress on some of Israel-Arab problems and felt it most important there be no actions on either side which would have effect of stunning them. I conjectured our disappointment at our lack of success when we made simple request IG not move Foreign Ministry to Jerusalem (Embtel 1399, March 4, 1953) and again, when few weeks before Kibya, we expressed our deep concern at Israel's resumption of reprisal methods (Deptel 154, August 22, 1953) may have led Department to think IG would wish to understand full extent of our hopes for greater success in capitalizing on present opportunity for improving situation.

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to London, Cairo, Jidda, Amman, Beirut, Damascus, Baghdad, and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Document 850.

<sup>3</sup> Document 843.

<sup>4</sup> Not printed.