

ting herself in special relationship to Israel. Moreover, she has forces based nearby.

(2) Obtaining congressional authority by resolution authorizing President to make unilateral statement that US would use military force under certain circumstances. Such a statement could be in a form to avoid difficulties mentioned above resulting from treaty. Considerations which led NSC to decide against an advance decision to use military force under certain circumstances would appear to be no greater in connection with such a resolution than in connection with a treaty. Greater freedom of action which US would have under unilateral declaration would serve to deter Israel from permitting its dynamism to take form of measures to increase tension.

(3) Taking care of immediate need for reassurance to Israel by stating that executive branch of government intends to ask Congress for resolution of general nature stated above and also intends include Israel in its planning for area security and to grant it arms as soon as development of its arrangements with Arab States permits.

Suggested approach would not satisfy its probable demands (Eban has urged military alliance and Eytan maintains treaty should not only guarantee border but also US assistance in ending other types of aggression such as economic and political) but would meet Israel's reasonable requirements.

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The Acting Secretary of State to the Embassy in Israel

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109. Urtel 190. ¹ Department concurs fully with line you took with Eban. If suitable opportunity arises you may wish express Eban Department's disappointment that his reaction to lengthy exchanges views with Secretary and others has not been more constructive. General tenor Eban's "four-point policy" appears tantamount to recommendation Israel Government take little heed of United States advice regarding timing and tactics toward our common objectives of peace and stability in Near East. . . . Eban plays such important role in conveying thinking this government to his own, that it is hoped he would wish impress upon IG sincerity Secretary's assurances and depth of support that lies behind them in America's general desire for security and peace for and

¹ Document 868.