

Israel Government will find a way to give its support to Burns' efforts. (4) While border incidents to any degree must be cause of concern to all, IDF figures do not indicate that situation in last few months noticeably worse than average and we have hopes that return of Israel Government representatives to Israel-Jordan MAC, energetic support by Israel government of UNTSO's efforts generally, and further progress in implementing tripartite proposals will result in gradual improvement (Embtel 291).⁴

I also asked Eytan if he could give me some background on line of thought which led to sending of *Bat Galim* to Suez at this time rather than awaiting efforts to work out improved practices by Egyptian Government in connection Suez passage. Eytan said he had another appointment, would report my remarks to Prime Minister and see me again within next day or two.

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⁴ Document 897.

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The Secretary of State to the Department of State

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Duite 25. At luncheon October 2 with Eden, we briefly discussed Suez Canal blockade situation. We agreed on desirability clearing up the situation and Eden asked that we consider possibility joining *démarche* in Cairo by our two Ambassadors. In general connection Arab-Israeli relations, Eden reverted to his suggestion last April that the two of us should attempt a Trieste approach, believing both might be ready for settlement, while continuing unwilling to sit down same room together.

As we rose from table, Eden said ruefully that when he was in opposition, he suggested British send destroyer through Canal to clear blockade, a statement which he had lived to regret.

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