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*Memorandum of Conversation, by the Secretary of State*¹

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR EBAN OF
ISRAEL

Mr. Eban called at my request at 4:00 p. m. He came privately through the private elevator and he and I were alone.

I said to the Ambassador that I thought he ought to know that we knew that there were Israeli Embassy activities which seemed clearly to go beyond the bounds of what was proper for a foreign government in that they involved domestic political action. I said that I was confident that his Government would not want to go beyond the bounds of propriety and that I felt confident that once the matter had been brought to his attention, he would take proper steps to correct the situation. I said that I did not want to make any incident of the matter at the present time.

Ambassador Eban said that he would at once look into the situation. It was, he said, difficult to keep everything under control as there was a natural desire on the part of his Government and his Embassy to develop friendships on the part of the American people; that the Arab countries were trying to develop hostility on the part of the American people and that they were inevitably forced into corresponding measures. He repeated, however, that he would at once look into the situation and attempt to control any irregularities that might exist.

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¹ Sent to President Eisenhower by Secretary Dulles on Oct. 27 under cover of a memorandum which reads:

"I attach herewith a copy of a memorandum of conversation I had yesterday with Ambassador Eban. I understand that Mr. Hoover had discussed this matter with you while I was in Europe. Only Mr. Byroade, Mr. Hoover and I are familiar with the subject matter of my conversation." (Eisenhower Library, Eisenhower papers, Whitman file, Dulles-Herter series)