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*The Ambassador in Syria (Moose) to the Department of State*

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Subject: Arab-Israeli Settlement

*Summary*

The Embassy is in general agreement with the specific objectives of an Arab-Israeli settlement set forth in the Department's CA-3378. Syria is not at present in a position to be influential on this problem, and in any case is unlikely to be attracted by the items listed in CA-3378 as inducements to undertake negotiations. The most effective inducements for Syria to undertake discussions would be (1) prior settlement with Israel by Jordan as well as Egypt; and (2) evidence that Israel will negotiate in good faith and recognizes that she must make some concessions in order to reach a settlement. On the question of timing, it would appear advisable not to broach the subject except with the United Kingdom until there has been time to evaluate (a) the consequences of the execution of the Moslem Brethren in Egypt; and (b) the degree of progress on area defense arrangements made during the Turkish Prime Minister's forthcoming visit to Iraq. Because of the complexity of the problem, and the harm to United States objectives if an attempt at settlement should fail, it is believed that, once a course of action along the lines of CA-3378 has been adopted, the United States, in conjunction with the United Kingdom, should be prepared to employ "unusual measures" if necessary to attain our objective.

[Here follows discussion in detail.]

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