

provide more definitive information on the types and quantities of military equipment that could be provided.

Sincerely yours,

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*Memorandum of Conversation, by the Second Secretary of the
Embassy in Iraq (Barrow)*¹

SECRET

BAGHDAD, [undated.]

Participants: Dr. Fadhil Jamali, Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr. Tom Bromley, First Secretary, British Embassy
Mr. John R. Barrow, Second Secretary, American
Embassy
Mr. David Newsom, Second Secretary, American
Embassy

On a social occasion spontaneous discussion was touched off among the above mentioned participants after Dr. Jamali had made reference to Ambassador Berry's press statement of August 27.² Dr. Jamali's specific reaction to the statement will be fully analyzed in an Embassy despatch, but the discussion developed into a wider range of topics. The highlights of the discussion are given below.

Dr. Jamali said that the statement was a good one in expressing the American point of view and in enabling persons like himself to understand American policy. He also said that the recent leak of a document prepared by Assistant Secretary Byroade, regarding his Middle Eastern tour, which had been forwarded to him by the Embassy in Washington and which was commented upon in the Wash-

¹ This memorandum of conversation was transmitted to the Department of State as an enclosure to despatch 197, Sept. 8. According to the despatch, the conversation had been a spontaneous discussion which had taken place at a recent social occasion. The Ambassador considered the most interesting feature of the conversation to be the fact that such forthright views were exchanged among representatives of Iraq, the United Kingdom, and the United States, all at the same time. (787.00/9-852)

² Despatch 176 from Baghdad, Sept. 2, transmitted a copy of a statement of United States Principles distributed by Ambassador Berry at a reception he held for the Baghdad press on Aug. 27. (987.61/9-252) Despatch 211 from Baghdad, Sept. 13, informed the Department of State of the reaction to Ambassador Berry's statement. (987.61/9-1352)