

1. Visit in near future of Anglo-American experts to assess Iraq's military needs and costs involved.
2. A subsequent visit by financial experts to assess what total cost Iraq could and should pay toward its defense.
3. Implementation of plan through assistance from United States-United Kingdom based on these reports.

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Despatch 820 from Baghdad, May 6, transmitted to the Department of State an account of the ceremonies held on the occasion of the accession to the Throne of Iraq of King Faisal II, May 2, 1953, on Faisal's coming of age. Despatch 817, May 5, transmitted an account of the activities of the visiting United States Delegation. (787.11/5-653)

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*The Secretary of State to the Embassy in Iraq*¹

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A-242. With reference to the Embassy's despatch 693 of March 25, 1953,² the Department suggests that the personal and confidential memorandum from the Iraqi Foreign Minister to the American Ambassador be replied to along the following lines:

The United States Government welcomes the statement by the Government of Iraq of its intention to strengthen its defenses and, in keeping with the principles of Articles 51 and 52 of the Charter of the United Nations, to unite with other countries of common interest in finding suitable means, including regional organizations for common defense, against external aggression.

The United States Government notes that the Iraq Government considers that only through assistance from the United States and Great Britain can the Iraq Government achieve its desired ends. The United States Government has noted with satisfaction the improvement which the Government of Iraq, in cooperation with

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² Not printed, but see footnote 3, Document 1388.