

Dr. Jamali said he doubted if certain states such as Saudi Arabia and Yemen would agree to do so but he felt on an individual basis a number of states would be willing. He felt certain the Iraqi Government would be favorably disposed.

Allusion was made to the status of Jerusalem and Dr. Jamali deplored the fact that Ambassador Lawson was expected to present his credentials to the Israeli President in Jerusalem. He feared this would be the prelude to further actions on our part which would amount to recognition of Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem. The Secretary explained our view that our Ambassador should present his credentials to the President at his place of residence, which happened to be Jerusalem. No political significance should be attached to such a procedure, nor should it be expected that we planned in any way to modify our stand on Jerusalem. Our Embassy would continue to be situated in Tel Aviv.

Dr. Jamali brought up the subject of Tunisia and Morocco and complained bitterly over reports that the French were shooting large numbers of Tunisian nationals. He said this did not conform with their apparent policy of conciliation and reform. The Secretary said he had discussed this problem with Mendes-France recently in Paris, and Mr. Byroade stated that our Ambassador there had also raised the question with the Prime Minister. It was naturally hoped that developments in North Africa could take place in an atmosphere of calm and order.

Before departing Dr. Jamali mentioned briefly his pet project of an American technical educational institution in Baghdad. The Secretary and Mr. Byroade expressed their support for the idea of enlisting the aid of private foundations in the United States. Mr. Byroade said the matter had been explored to some extent but the results so far had not been very hopeful. It was generally agreed that efforts in this direction should continue.

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