

was reassuring Hammarskjold he had taken measures to bring disturbances to an end, he must have been contemplating his attack on US in his speech July 26.

He expressed personal distress over injuries suffered by UNTSO personnel and said he had just written to Burns on this subject.

After our discussion of border problems he asked following two questions:

(1) Could I find out for him when he might expect decision on their Export-Import Bank loan application (Department please inform) and

(2) Was there now any possibility of US supplying defensive arms?

To first question I replied I would cable Washington; to second, that I had nothing new to report.

Following my conversation with Ben Gurion, I talked briefly with Yaacov Herzog, Director US Division, Foreign Ministry, who said Prime Minister had had a second letter on July 26 from Hammarskjold in which SYG said he was returning to New York and might summon Security Council, presumably to discuss deteriorating situation Israel/Jordan border.

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13. Editorial Note

On July 27 Canadian Foreign Minister Lester Pearson informed Ambassador Livingston Merchant that Canada would announce its decision to grant to Israel export permits for 12 F-86's and to consider an Israeli request for 12 additional jets. This would be done as soon as the fact became public that the United States was granting to Israel export licenses for helicopters and scout cars. Merchant reminded Pearson that the United States wished to avoid all publicity, but Pearson insisted that the U.S. action must be mentioned when the Canadian decision was reported to Parliament. Pearson added that eventual release of the second dozen jets would be virtually automatic and that he intended to inform Israeli Ambassador Michael Comay in confidence about this decision. (Telegram 57 from Ottawa, July 27; Department of State, Central Files, 784A.5622/7-2756) The Department of State responded in telegram 42 to Ottawa, July 27, that the Suez Canal situation "renders it