

**October 24, 1962**  
**Cable from Israeli Foreign Ministry (Arad) to Israeli  
Embassy, Washington**

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**Summary:**

A cable on the conversation between Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and US Ambassador to Israel Walworth Barbour devoted to the crisis in Cuba. The cable says "The PM told Barbour that with regard to the Cuban Crisis we [Israel] had nothing better to do than pray." and that "The PM replied that Israel is trying to maintain peace."

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The PM-Barbour [Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion-US Ambassador to Israel Walworth Barbour] conversation was devoted to the crisis in Cuba. Barbour did not add much to what you already had heard from the Secretary [of State Dean Rusk]. [Barbour]...did not succeed in discussing issues in US-Israeli relations; he felt the Prime Minister's concern over the international situation...

The PM told Barbour that with regard to the Cuban Crisis we [Israel] had nothing better to do than pray.

Barbour reiterated the State Department's instruction asking Syria and Israel to maintain order along their border in view of the [tense international] situation. The PM replied that Israel is trying to maintain peace.

Barbour told me later that he was impressed by the PM's ability to focus on the crux of the matter...

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