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'Broadened Access to Israel's Nuclear Reactor'**

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SUBJECT: Broadened Access to Israel's Nuclear Reactor

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Avraham Harman of Israel ✓  
Mr. Mordechai Gazit, Minister, Embassy of Israel  
Mr. Shaul Bar-Haim, First Secretary, Embassy of Israel  
NEA - Assistant Secretary Phillips Talbot  
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In a conversation largely devoted to other matters, Mr. Talbot recalled Department conversations with Ambassador Harman preliminary to further visits by friendly scientists to the Israel nuclear reactor at Dimona.

He informed the Ambassador that Mr. Farley, the Department's Atomic Energy Adviser, has devoted considerable thought to how a quiet visit might be arranged by scientists of a neutral country and is now prepared to make some suggestions if the Israelis are interested.

Ambassador Harman said he would be happy to meet with Mr. Farley at any time. He agreed that Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, in his conversation with the President, had conceded such a visit would be desirable. He recalled the only question was the definition of a neutral country, indicating that Israel would prefer a visit by Scandinavian or Swiss scientists.

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