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Summary:

UAR officials express concern regarding the Israeli nuclear program.

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Stimulated by Alvin Rosenfeld article in New York Herald Tribune of July 5 regarding opposition by Israeli intellectuals to development of atomic weapons, UAR Charge informally suggested to Asst Secy Talbot that steps be taken in Cairo to reassure UARG regarding peaceful purposes of Israeli nuclear development. Charge subsequently sent Embassy Officer to Dept to reaffirm his concern. In response Dept officials alluded to Secretary's message to ForMin Fawzi (Deptel 2121 June 15, 1961) stating that to best of our information there has been no repeat no change in situation and we understand it will be some time before Dimona reactor can go into operation.

Pending Israeli agreement to second visit Dimona by US scientists which we have requested, suggest Embassy respond similarly to any approach from UAR officials, adding following:

- (A) Consistent with Secretary's promise we continuing our vigilance;
- (B) We remain firmly opposed proliferation nuclear weapons capacity.

FYI. If Israelis agree our request for second visit Dimona we plan authorized renewed assurances to Arab states, assuming justified. Meantime you should avoid references to possible second visit. END FYI.

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If UAR raises subject, you may also reaffirm Secretary's expression of interest in UAR studies of industrial power possibilities of atomic energy and state our readiness to discuss problems of peaceful nuclear development with UAR at any time.

Full exposition of findings American scientists after ^{first} visit Dimona contained Depcirtel 2047 June 17, 1961.

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