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Bnot Yaakov.

ONE Eban Kidron spoke Hammerskjold 18 June. Eban asked what of future since Dixon Eisvogel fully vindicated our contentions Buteiha rights safeguardable without difficulty and project fully compatible any reasonable regional scheme. Dag remarked long involved appreciation tactical situation which neither usefully understood but which appears boiled down to this.

He envisages self as central figure settlement Israel Arab problem. First step must be reactivate Moabit and secure harmless resolution which leaves way open some form negotiations Israel Jordan. Passage this resol he steps in mediates between parties sitting separately to arrive areas agreement. Once precedent Israel Jordan negs established this manner next stage arrange similar operation with Syria to discuss Bnot Yaakov Adassya. He admits long drawn out process many pitfalls all his own idea hasnt discussed with anyone. We threw cold water scheme telling him clearly we dont propose losing another summer. On basis experts report Ben can give green light with every confidence. Any-way we intend go ahead and if Ben tries stop on basis military advantage will make UN himself ludicrous. Continuation present situation effectively means conceding Syria arguments which

proved invalid .

Dag manifestly taken aback this forthrightness said if we start work Syrians will take action and Ben will then be saviour peace. He hopes arrive solution soon. We pressed publication report. He agreed publication inevitable but not yet. First get Johnston out way.

TWO Bunche told Kidron later same day Sein Eddine Asha called Dag full of fury experts report. They not this stage prepared go into any plan based on it. Bunche confirmed Dag impressed our stiffness.

THREE We today told ^{the} wole story Wadsworth Barco who unaware experts report. Barco agreed something must be done get Ben off military advantage limb.

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