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ONE: According Weiner diameters pipes used are 2ft and 1,4ft at Bet Yosef and 3ft at Sheikh Hussein. At Beit Yosef water will be pumped at rate 2000 cubic meters per hour and at Sheikh Hussein 3500 c.m. This amounts to 20.000.000 cm. per annum which approximates 2^d annual flow. At lowest summer flow this no more than 10 .

TWO: Scheme is connected with Yitzur Upituach. USOM confirmed then refused use counterpart funds.

Regarding criticism scheme:

- a) technically: it is eminently economical. Year's added harvest returns would be approx. 4 million pounds while construction stations pipes cost less than third. Other hand construction Western Ghor canal at least 7 million dollars and amortization half million per annum. Any right-thinking Government would delay such undertaking if temporarily satisfactory and cheaper substitute can be found.
- b) politically: our experts informed members Johnston mission in several meetings of intention proceed with scheme. No objections at all were voiced. That was quite natural in light of fact Arabs not only continuing drawing water from Yarmuk and Jordan under similar conditions but actually launching new projects. During past months and presumably after Johnston visit Syrians commenced drawing 20.000.000 c.m. from upper Yarmuk. They also in process constructing diversion canals from Banias.

THREE: You can transmit above Barnes but this stage seems reasonable we should give problem chance expire unobtrusively. Arthur suggests you decide whether Shag should issue press statement.

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