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FOR HARRIMAN FROM TALBOT

IN MEETING WITH ESHKOL YOU MIGHT MENTION:

1. PUBLICITY ON DIMONA REACTOR:

A. WE DEPLORE RASH ISRAELI PRESS STORIES DIVULGING DETAILS DIMONA VISITS.

B. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DISCLOSURE VISITS PER SE AND BELIEVE PUBLICITY MAY HAVE SALUTARY EFFECT IN REASSURING ARAB STATES AS TO PEACEFUL NATURE ISRAEL'S NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES.

C. US PRESS DROPPED ISSUE AFTER PUBLICATION MARCH 14 NYTIMES STORY BY JOHN FINNEY WHICH GREW FROM LEADS GIVEN BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ABBA EBAN ON TV INTERVIEW MARCH 7. ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON VISITS PUBLISHED IN ISRAELI PRESS INDICATE OFFICIAL ISRAELI SOURCES BEHIND LEAKS.

D. WE DISTURBED AT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE PRIVILEGED PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO REQUEST FOR SIX-MONTHLY VISITS TO DIMONA (DEPTEL 5995).

2. JORDAN WATERS

A. WORKING LEVEL DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY TO REACH SOBER APPRAISAL JORDAN WATERS PROBLEMS.

B. TALBOT WILL FOLLOW UP DISCUSSIONS WHEN HE VISITS ISRAEL IN APRIL.

SINCE WE HAVE AGREED FOLLOW UP YOUR TELAVIV DISCUSSIONS ON ARMS SALES THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, BELIEVE DESIRABLE STEER

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AWAY FROM SUBJECT IF RAISED BY ESKKOL. FYI: GOI PLANS
SUBMIT MILITARY SHOPPING LIST IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND SEND MILITARY
TEAM TO WASHINGTON FOR FOLLOW UP DISCUSSIONS IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS.
WE PLAN CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS IN POLITICAL FRAM ALONG LINES NOVEMBER
12-13, 1963, TALKS BUT ON MORE INFORMAL BASIS. END FYI.

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