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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: June 22, 1962

SUBJECT: A Second Visit by U.S. Scientists to Israel's Dimona Reactor

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Avraham Harman of Israel
Dr. Ephraim Lahav, Scientific Counselor, Embassy of Israel
NEA - Assistant Secretary Phillips Talbot (D)
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Following a very brief ceremony arranged for the signing of the "Extension of the Agreement for Cooperation Concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy Expiring on July 11, 1962," Mr. Talbot suggested to Ambassador Harman the possibility of another visit by U.S. scientists to Israel's atomic reactor at Dimona. He told Ambassador Harman that the visit of May 1961 had been most successful, removing the reactor's development as a political irritant from the Near East situation. He expressed the view that a second visit at this time would help to preserve the relaxed attitude with which the subject is now regarded.

Ambassador Harman said he would refer the request to Jerusalem and be in touch with Mr. Talbot as soon as a reply is received.

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