INCOMING TELEGRAM

Department of State

38-M
Action SS

4

Classification CONFIDENTIAL
Control: 14108
Rec'd: JUNE 19, 1960
1:13 P.M.

FROM: PARIS
SP TO: Secretary of State

NO: 5939, JUNE 19, 3 P.M.
S/S

PRIORITY
INR ARA

FOR ACTING SECRETARY
EUR NEA

REFERENCE: EMBT 5926

RMR

AS BEN-GURION WILL NOT RETURN TO PARIS, BUT
PROCEED DIRECTLY FROM NORMANDY TO BRUSSELS TOMORROW
AND AS ISRAELI AND MUST ACCOMPANY HIM TO BELGIAN FRONTIER
AND WILL ONLY RETURN PARIS TOMORROW, LYON THIS MORNING
DISCUSSED SUBJECT POSSIBLE BEN-GURION/FRONDIKI MEETING
WITH ISRAELI COUNSELOR SHEK IN LIGHT DEPT IS 5391.
SHEK INDICATED:
1. THAT BEN-GURION WAS PREPARED TO MEET WITH FRONDIKI,
HAD SENT WORD TO FRONDIKI TO THIS EFFECT, AND MR.
DAROM OF ISRAELI, FONOFF NOW IN ROME, TRYING TO SET
UP SUCH MEETING. SHEK WAS OPTIMISTIC MEETING WOULD
BE ARRANGED, ALTHOUGH NO DATE YET FIXED AND
PROBABLY NOT BEFORE JUNE 22.
WHEN LYON SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
PRIOR TO JUNE 22 OF MEETING, SHEK SAID FRENCH HAD
RAISED SAME POINT AND OF COURSE IF AND WHEN MEETING
DEFINITELY FIXED, THIS WOULD BE CONSIDERED. FOR PRESENT
BOTH SIDES THOUGHT IT BEST TO AVOID ANY PUBLICITY.
2. WHILE LYON WITH SHEK, LATTER COMMUNICATED BY TELEPHONE
WITH BEN-GURION'S CHEF DE CABINET IN NORMANDY, LATTER
CONVEYED MESSAGE TO BEN-GURION REGARDING UNITED STATES
VIEWS CONCERNING ADVISABILITY OF BEN-GURION/FRONDIKI
MEETING WITH EMPHASIS ON UNITED STATES FEELING THAT
VERY IMPORTANT AVOID SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION.

BEN-GURION

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS
COPY IS PROHIBITED.
UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

DECLASSIFIED

Authority

NMD 36822

NARA Date 2/96
CONFIDENTIAL

-2- 5929, JUNE 19, 3 P.M., FROM PARIS

BEN-GURION SENT BACK REPLY THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO MEET FRONDIZI AND THAT HE WAS TRYING TO ARRANGE SUCH MEETING.

3. PRIOR TO THIS DURING COURSE LYON-SHEK CONVERSATION, ANOTHER TELEPHONE CALL HAD COME THROUGH FROM ISRAELI MINISTER ROME TO EFFECT THAT DAVID OF ISRAELI FONOFF HAD MADE CONTACT WITH FRONDIZI ENTOURAGE, WOULD FOLLOW THEM TO PARIS, AND FELT THAT ARGENTINES TOO WANTED TO ARRANGE MEETING AND TO AVOID SC SESSION. FRENCH FONOFF STATES THAT IT ALSO HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THIS IS SO. ISRAELI MINISTER ROME ALSO INDICATED THAT WHILE IT NOT POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR BG-FRONDIZI MEETING TO OCCUR BEFORE JUNE 22, ITALIANS ON OWN INITIATIVE WERE THINKING OF PROPOSING IN SECURITY COUNCIL THAT NO RESOLUTION BE UNDERTAKEN BUT THAT SC CALL ON BOTH SIDES AS FRIENDLY NATIONS TO SETTLE DISPUTE BY FRIENDLY, DIRECT DISCUSSION.

SHEK SAID HE FELT CERTAIN THAT ISRAEL WOULD WELCOME SUCH A PROPOSAL AND HOPED IF THIS CAME ABOUT WE WOULD SUPPORT IT.

SHEK CONSIDERS THAT ANYTHING WE COULD DO TO HELP TO AVOID DISCUSSIONS, VETOS, OR RESOLUTIONS IN SC WOULD BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF ALL.

4. PRIOR TO LYON'S CONVERSATION WITH SHEK, DE CARBONNEL, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF FONOFF, HAD HAD MEETING WITH SHEK AND HAD ALSO POINTED OUT ADVANTAGES OF AVOIDING SC SESSION.

5. AMBASSADOR WILL DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR EYTAN ON LATTER'S RETURN TO PARIS TOMORROW.

6. EMB HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS CONSULTATION ON ALL THIS WITH QUAI AND BRITISH EMB.

7. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT THIS TELEGRAM BEING REPEATED NOWHERE, DEPT MAY WISH TO TRANSMIT SOME OR ALL OF IT TO USUN AND ELSEWHERE.

MKR/22