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-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 DAROM 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 WERE 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.

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