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Russell made parallel reps to what Byroade supposed be telling you : USA govt believes wld be helpful if we agreed repatriate certain ltd number preferably hill farmers to cultivate terraces now unused. Also inquired our ideas on compensation. My reaction first point was sharp categorical negative said was taken aback by suggestion thought it had been common ground for years that only solution was resettlement. As he new to job recapitulated whole series arguments particly security and fact maintenance repat theme is inimical any attempt resettlement. Russell stressed in usual terms favourable psych effect such gesture also tried minimise scope by saying wldnt undertake guess how many thousands dept had in mind, Self replied can be ^{NO} ~~ON~~ question reestablishing single Arab village. Stressed ~~a~~ no govt wld ac ept responsib for security or econ integration newcomers under existing conds. On compensation said we always ready discuss with PGC amounts modes payment. Made clear we never had in mind payment full value as this wasnt normal commercial transaction also in our present ^{FINANCIAL} ~~financial~~ position aggravated by Arab economic warfare we wld need outside help. Russell asked whether we wld say something on this in Assembly and I replied you wld certainly restate our position in positive terms. Self took opportunity inform him seizure in canal 118 tons Abyssinian meat bound Haifa as sharp aggravation canal problem undoubtedly due failure sponsors act on resol Moabit. Added chronologically this is first tang^{ible}~~ible~~ reaction to release blocked accounts.

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