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~~Military messenger~~

THREE. It isn't we but they who conjure up in effect incompatibility parallel friendships. We maintain active systematic assistance and close cooperation Israel will not militate against their success with Arabs if this feasible at all but only hasten peace. We readily grant territorial economic strategic importance Arab countries and though sceptical wish them luck and in no

FOUR. If while helping us they fail again with Arabs it won't be cause effect. Proofs negative: white paper doomed masses Jews but failed secure Farouq's loyalty or prevent Rashid Ali's treason and only allied victory unaided by Arabs brought them around. Positive ALEF Turkey's excellent relations with Israel did not reduce one notch her position Mid-East and if Arab States not ready join Turkey in regional defence this has nothing do with Turco-Israel friendship. BET. Germany's outstanding contribution Israel economy in complete disregard Arab threats in no way slowed down striking progress her trade political relations Arab world.

FIVE. Whatever excuse they might have pleaded in days mandate for identifying pro-Arab with Anti-Zionist line this no longer valid now when Israel established static geo-political military fact fully justifying policy friendship towards it on own merits.

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NINE. As to accord with Egypt in principle we vitally interested its coming off for ^{sake} contentment stability area but cannot view without alarm prospect tremendous access strength to implacably hostile Egypt hence must insist assurances base will not be re-activated against us and if this cannot be made condition for Egypt should at least form subject declaration by Britain which of value long as Britian has any grip on base.

TEN. We shall resist to utmost any supply arms any Arab State long as Arabs at state war with us. Would they have acted otherwise if same position i.e. beleaguered threatened and all alone.

ELEVEN. Tripartite ^{declaration} ~~mission~~ of highly doubtful value anyhow time being is used cover sin Arab rearming. We would feel much safer without arms to Arabs and without decision than with both.

TWELVE. You can throw in Gideons 19 January DALET and HEY and good measure.

For you: first in positive offers we shouldn't go beyond eight above ie where we left it with military mission as whole question is whether any change heart likely if yes they will take initiative if no our initiative not only useless but harmful because humiliating. Moreover even if only present limited approach divulged violent internal storm inevitable why should we risk worse trouble by going farther without any certainty response hence we should offer minimum and off record use this as stimulant and see whether it works. If they make proposals to us our position both internally and in relation to them infinitely stronger second. Assume your

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talk is off record still you shouldn't disclose fact military mission but use term contacts. Third. On tripartite self was opposed from outset to adopting its reaffirmation or reformulation as objective our negotiationsFO lest it be used as absolution and panacea but was amenable idea working indirectly through friends secure strengthened declaration in correlation new realities. Yet in this found myself quite alone in ^{inst committee} ~~cap/committee~~ where majority wouldn't touch declaration with barge pole. Best luck.

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