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LAMDD75. Saw Strang to whom presented Avner and in course thirty minutes talk put forward points your IL174.

He reacted:

ONE They never lost sight continuous infiltration and dangers involved and had been pressing Jordan do their best put stop to it. He believed Jordan acted on their advice and they had figures showing that since January 1952 3524 Jordanians condemned by Jordan courts for attempts infiltration 621 others acquitted. They will continue urge Jordan fight infiltration.

TWO They did feel <sup>ד"ר</sup> Kibya incident far worse in results than previous incidents for which Jordan responsible therefore they reacted in serious manner he quoted Bannike saying at UN definite armed formations involved and said must accept that judgement. That made incident even more serious.

THREE Regarding compensation they interested our proposal mutuality.

FOUR Re forces at border he questioned me closely regarding whether we had brought additional forces border saying they were disturbed this point on basis information received. I replied manoeuvres now ever and disposition our forces regulated strictly accordance armistice agreements adding I believed we would not mind Jordan bringing additional forces provided they used them effectively to fight infiltration.

FIVE THEY would like local commanders agreement operated effectively and agreed that high level talks in order pacify frontiers would be useful. Generally they using their influence calm down Jordan spirits.

SIX We should not underestimate effects Kibya when they said "horror" they reflected general British opinion. Will do their best contribute pacification border and assured us their relations Jordan will not prevent them maintaining good relations Israel but on serious incidents they had to say what they thought.

Reply our Suez note still under consideration.

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