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54. Do not see immediate urgency publication parity declaration. We can conduct political negotiations English and Arabs on the basis parity without any official declaration. Publication under the present circumstances will first, bring about strong opposition of Arabs spoiling change eventual acceptance; second, cause serious internal dissension partly on ground of opposition on principle partly because of Executive not formally authorised take such step. Actions Committee expressly refrained at our request from adopting any resolution on major policy on the understanding that Executive would not take decisive step without consulting smaller Actions Committee especially elected for that purpose. Moreover, Zionist Execu tive, Jerusalem, consists at present of only one party - general Zionists, Misrachi being abroad. If you have good reason for imnediate publication we would convene forthwith smaller Actions Committee Palestine. .. Hope to obtain positive decision, please telegraph 2 immediately.

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