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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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May 13, 1955

Subject: Bilateral Agreements for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy

Participants: Israel - Ambassador Eban, Messrs. Shiloah, Salkind
State Dept. - Ambassador Patterson, Messrs. Farley,
Bechhoefer, Stein

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Ambassador Eban called at the invitation of the Department. Ambassador Patterson explained the United States program in the research reactor field and handed the Ambassador a copy of a form of a bilateral agreement for cooperation. He pointed out that this form which followed the text of the US-Turkish agreement was subject to at least two minor changes. He said that under our legislation every agreement of cooperation must lie before the Joint Congressional Committee for Atomic Energy for thirty days; since the Congress might adjourn by sometime in July, any agreement to be executed during the present Congressional session would have to be submitted to the Committee not later than June 15.

Ambassador Eban expressed his thanks for the draft agreement and said that he assumed that in order to meet the deadline it would be advisable for his Government to stick as closely as possible to the draft text. In his view the Israeli Government should certainly utilize this opportunity offered by the United States. Mr. Shiloah said that the Ambassador was leaving shortly for Jerusalem and might be able to discuss the agreement with the Israeli Government.

Mr. Patterson said that it would not be necessary for the Israeli Government to decide on the type of reactor it would select before signing the agreement; once the agreement is initialed the Israelis might utilize the summer for choosing a suitable available reactor. He said that it might be particularly useful for them to visit the University of North Carolina where a water boiler reactor has been in operation under the direction of Dr. Beck. Such a reactor would be available for about \$350,000. The price of reactors ranged up to two million dollars; but the North Carolina University reactor would seem to be quite adequate as a starting point.

Ambassador Eban expressed his appreciation and said that he will communicate with his Government at once.

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