

October 21, 1970

MEMORANDUM

S/S - Mr. Melvyn Levitsky

TO:

SUBJECT: Referral by Justice to the Secretary of State
of Correspondence from Norman Dacey (ACDA #6906)

Attached for appropriate action is a letter from Norman Dacey concerning alleged irregularities in the export of military supplies to Palestine in the 1940s. It was forwarded to State under cover of a letter of referral from Justice which also attaches a copy of an interim reply to Mr. Dacey.

It is not clear to me how or why ACDA got this correspondence. It does not appear to have gone through S/S. The annotations are not ours.

Dwight Mason
Staff Assistant

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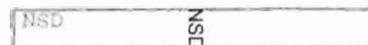
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Mr. Norman F. Dacey, President
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Dear Mr. Dacey:

Thank you for your letter of November 3.

I wish I were able to be more responsive to your question about whether certain shipments were made in violation of the law. The fact is that I have not read the book **THE PLEDGE** and I do not know the facts of any arms exports that may have taken place between 1947 and 1949. Moreover, to answer your question I would have to research the laws and regulations that were in effect during those years. To obtain the information you seek, therefore, would consume a great deal of time that my staff and I are unable to afford.

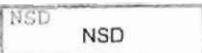
In this connection, you should understand that the strictures on arms exports in the 1940s were administered by the Munitions Control Board which became defunct in 1954. The Mutual Security Act of that year changed the terms of reference under which arms exports were previously controlled, and there is no one in the U.S. Government today, to the best of my knowledge, who would be familiar with the activities of the Munitions Control Board, the procedures under which it operated, and the details of the laws and of the Board-established regulations.

It appears to me that the best way for you to get the answer to your question would be to have the laws and regulations of the 1940s researched by an attorney.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Sipes
Director
Office of Munitions Control

cc: Justice



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