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Re: Summary of Discussion held by the Small Coordination Committee September 29, 1967.

1. The following is a summary of the committee discussion held on Friday, September 29, 1967:
 - a. Report on arrests of terror activists. Interrogations have revealed that the activity actually occurred prior to the date marking the beginning of the Great Revolt, which is September 29th. It also came to light that possible terrorist reinforcements of about 100 individuals (about 50 who left to undergo training in the People's Republic of China and about 40 who underwent training in the Hebron Hills) have been identified.
 - b. Issuance of death sentences. The question of whether and to what extent it is possible to sentence terrorists to death was discussed. The discussion concluded with the following determinations:
 - 1) In any event, it is important to have the death sentence hanging over defendants for purposes of deterrence.
 - 2) It is doubtful that we can execute such sentences, due to pressure from the [Jewish] community and from abroad – and therefore, it is better not to issue a death sentence to begin with than to retreat under pressure.
 - 3) In case a sentence is given, it is recommended to implement it immediately or immediately issue a chief-of-staff pardon, rather than let the pressure get underway.
 - 4) Should a death sentence be issued, it is preferable to do so in cases that are politically convenient to present (for instance in response to the murder of the Belgian boy near al-Arish).

- c. Pardoning terrorists on condition they turn themselves in: A proposal was raised, based on the success of the recent arrests, to issue a call for the remaining terrorists to turn themselves in and surrender their weapons within a limited period of time (a week). If they do so, they will be pardoned. Some doubts were raised as to the benefit to be gained by this proposal, mostly due to concerns there would be no response, as well as the negative effect this would have on the judges of the terrorists who have been arrested. It was agreed not to go through with the proposal at this time, however –
- 1) The proposal will be considered for other occasions in the future.
 - 2) The issue will be put to the governors, in order to solicit their opinions on the possible response to the proposal.
 - 3) To magnify the effect the arrests have on the population, they will be kept secret over the next few days with a view to allowing publication at a later date.
- d. Performance of marriage ceremonies at Allenby Bridge. In case of a mixed marriage (from both banks [of the Jordan river]), which was given our approval, when one of the spouses moves to the East Bank – permission will be given to hold a marriage celebration and a farewell from the families from both banks, near the crossing bridge (unless there are special grounds to deny such permission).
- e. Use of confiscated funds by the Jerusalem municipality. A discussion was held regarding the mayor's proposal to use confiscated funds smuggled from Jordan as salaries for employees of the eastern municipality for development work in the city. The decision was to deny the proposal.
- f. Funds belonging to the brother of Bishop Kildani. Although we have an interest in accommodating the Latin bishop in Israel, Hana Kildani, we cannot set a precedent of permitting travel to Jordan in order to collect funds. However, the possibility of suggesting that Kildani himself travel abroad and try to transfer his brother's funds from a "neutral" place will be considered.
- g. Procedure for licensing and issuing arms and ammunition. The procedure proposed by the Operations Division/Regional Security is approved by members of the committee.

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