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When you next see PriMin Ben-Gurion (which will presumably be not later than your scheduled appointment for refugee discussion April 2) you should inform him that for/~~reasons~~ **compelling** reasons of our responsibility and concern for Near East stability which President discussed with FonMin Meir December 27, USG seeks GOI assent to semi-annual repeat semi-annual visits to Dimona, perhaps May and November, with full access to all parts and instruments in the facility, by qualified US scientists. If GOI so desired, these scientists would be prepared to visit other sites as well and give GOI technical advice on its overall nuclear energy program. As in past, these would be without publicity, although results would be conveyed by USG to governments of our choice.

We plan make demarche to Israel Ambassador here but wish you make parallel approach ~~some~~ so as leave no misunderstanding that Embassy should in future be fully in picture.

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