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**SUPPLEMENTARY OBSERVATIONS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT  
ON THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE REPORT  
OF THE PERMANENT MANDATES COMMISSION ON THE WORK OF ITS  
TENTH SESSION.**

**Supervision of the Frontier between Syria and Transjordan.**

Foreign Office, London, February 20th, 1928.

*To the Secretary-General.*

Sir,

With reference to Foreign Office letter No. W.4000/333/98 of May 14th last<sup>1</sup>, I am directed by Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain to offer the following observations on the question which was raised by the Permanent Mandates Commission at its tenth session, concerning the supervision of the frontier between Syria and Transjordan.

2. I am, in the first place, to invite reference to the statement made by Mr. Mills in the course of the eleventh session of the Commission (as recorded on page 124 of the Minutes of that session). This statement dealt with events in the frontier region up to the time when French officers went to Azrak to act in liaison with the British authorities.

3. At the suggestion of the High Commissioner for Palestine, French officers visited Azrak during the early part of June 1927, and finally offered such favourable terms for the refugees to return to their homes that these refugees were ordered by the British authorities to leave the Azrak area within a limited time. Some seven hundred of the refugees accepted the safeguards issued to them, and were repatriated accordingly, whilst the remainder moved from this area to another oasis named Ameri, some fifteen miles further east. They were subsequently removed from this oasis also, and by July 25th, 1927, all the refugees in question had left Transjordan.

(Signed) MONTEAGLE.

<sup>1</sup> See document C. 264. 1927. VI, or *Official Journal*. Vol. VIII, No 6, p. 711.