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Summary:

Rusk summarizes a meeting between Assistant Secretary Lewis Jones and Teddy Kollek for the president.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Israeli Reactor

You will be interested to know that on February 26 Mr. Theodore Kollek, Director General of Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's office, informed Assistant Secretary Lewis Jones that he saw no reason why a visit by a qualified American observer to the new Israeli reactor could not take place "during the month of March." Mr. Kollek has long been one of Ben-Gurion's principal advisers and presumably was speaking authoritatively. He is in this country on a quick fund-raising visit.

We are continuing to follow this matter closely. Our Special Assistant for Atomic Energy, Mr. Farley, is seeking in advance to locate a qualified American observer who will be ready to go to Israel when we receive the green light from Tel Aviv.

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