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President's Aid for Mid-East Will Later Go to Tel Aviv

Eric Johnston left by air yesterday to confer in Egypt and Israel regarding proposals for a unified development of the Jordan River Valley. Mr. Johnston is President Eisenhower's special representative for economic development of the Middle East.

Mr. Johnston told reporters at New York International Airport, Idlewild, Queens, that he would meet in Cairo Saturday technical and political representatives of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt. He estimated the conference with the Arab states would take four to ten days, after which he would go to Tel Aviv to confer with Israeli representatives. Mr. Johnston said he was taking with him three plans—the original United Nations plan drafted by the United States for a Jordan River Valley Authority along the lines of the Tennessee Valley Authority, a proposal submitted by the four Arab states and a plan put forth by Israel.

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