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Says There Is No Agreement on Galilee Reservoir Use

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DAMASCUS, Syria, Feb. 17—A Government spokesman denied today Syria had agreed to the use of the Sea of Galilee as the main reservoir for a Jordan Valley development plan. The plan was originally proposed by a United States mission headed by Eric A. Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal envoy to the Middle East.

The spokesman issued a statement in response to questions resulting from a New York Times' dispatch published today. The dispatch said Israel and three Arab states, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, had agreed to such use of the Sea of Galilee. The spokesman added Syria had not been approached on the matter of such use.

Mr. Johnston has conducted separate talks with the Israelis and a joint Arab negotiating team composed of delegations from Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt. The Times' dispatch was based on parallel disclosures by responsible United States and Arab sources.

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