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1. I had two meetings at Amnesty, one with all members of the international secretariat from the various countries, and the other with Ennals personally.
2. In the meeting with the secretariat I was asked to explain the reactions in Israel to the prisoners of war report. I pointed out about half a dozen legal and factual flaws [*unclear*] the draft prepared in Israel. It appears that the feeling in Amnesty is that the matter has been put to rest and no further Israeli responses to it are expected. Ennals told me that he personally objected to any Amnesty involvement in the complicated topic of prisoners of war. I shall add that all agree that the report was miserable as it was authored by a committee, and the members of the delegation could not recognize what they had written, as he did not recognize the introduction that bears his name.
3. Members of the secretariat were very surprised by the pertinent flaws in the report which I pointed out, and Amnesty's legal advisor even acceded that some of the points were correct. Ennals asked me to put my arguments on paper. I offer for your consideration whether the letter to Ennals should be sent by the embassy in London or by the Amnesty section in Israel.
4. I suggested to Ennals a cooling off period during which Amnesty would let go of the Israeli issue completely. He did not agree, and noted that they actually now have a clearly pro-Israel report from Mortimer, regarding the midwife's trial in Haifa. He added that he was under pressure not to publish such a positive report, and that the decision was to send Mortimer back to Israel, probably in September, in order to observe military courts. This is a hint that the presumption is the second report would somewhat balance the first.
5. Ennals gave me an official letter informing me that the Israeli section would not have voting rights in the St. Gallen Council in September if it did not immediately pay the yearly levies of 171 GBP. Please see to the payment urgently via Nathan Lerner.

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