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Ambassador Harman says there is no news about arranging a US visit to Dimona.

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After Ambassador Harman and Dr. Yahil, Director General of the Israeli Foreign Office, had paid a courtesy call on me today I drew Harman aside and asked whether he had any news regarding a visit to the Dimona reactor.

Harman said that he had no news. He attributed this to the turmoil which is going on in Israel at the present time regarding who is to succeed Mr. Ben Gurion as Prime Minister. He said that the upper levels of the GOI are thinking about politics to the exclusion of everything else: he assumed this accounted for no developments.

I told Harman that I hoped he would have something for me very soon: I said: "The sooner the better".