

EXCERPT FROM TELEVISION INTERVIEW WITH MARVIN KALB

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MR. KALB: Sir, in a military sense, do you as Prime Minister of Israel feel the need at the moment for American arms?

PRIME MINISTER ESHKOL: We feel a need for arms. It doesn't make much difference where they are from. We feel a need for arms because we know that our neighbor, Mr. Nasser, is building a war machine from year to year. His army is growing. Especially now when we have Khrushchev and his visit, the Russian Premier promised, and said it in public in the face of the world and in the face of the United Nations, "We will give you arms as much as you ask."

Of course, we have to take into consideration such situations, although we would like as much as possible to stop the waste of armaments and invest more and more of our energy in work and labor and in the economy.

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