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25. Assuming, however, that it is possible to hand over Palestine to some other authority, whilst we consider such action must have an adverse effect upon our strategic requirements, the degree of such effect would depend upon the identity of that authority.

Russia, or any body containing a significant Russian element, would be entirely against our interests, whilst a U.S. dominated body might well prove comparatively acceptable to us. Apart from either of the above, it is most important that control should pass to a national or international authority friendly to us, and both willing and able to resist Russian encroachment.

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