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Epstein: He was assassinated in late September and I remember we took off for Paris on the 8th of October. The governor of the Dodecanese Islands (Rhodes was one of the Dodecanese Islands) had invited them and Ralph Bunche and all of the senior staff to dinner at his government palace. I was naturally invited with my wife. (She was English. We had met during the war. She worked for the British Ministry of Information.) There was a shortage of women around and so she sat between these two people. She got to talking to them on a friendly basis. She was telling them that on the top of the mountain on the island there was an ancient factory where they made pottery with the same patterns of those going back to the time of the ancient Greeks. They sounded interested so she said, "Well, if you people are free tomorrow morning, I would be happy to take you up and show you around. They arranged for transportation, either a car or the local horse and buggy, or I think it was a donkey. She went up there with them and they were telling her what they were doing. They told her they were there to help Bunche finalize the mediator's report.

So, after that I made it my business to walk into Bunche's office frequently and they were always pouring over maps. Then to my shock and amazement they changed the original report we had agreed to. Instead of dividing the Negev, the