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ROME, Aug. 3—Pope Pius XVI granted a special audience this morning to a five-man Arab delegation seeking Vatican interest in the Palestine issue.

The delegation submitted to the Pope a long memorandum in Arabic with a translation into French. They also handed the Pope a telegram from the Supreme Arab Committee calling attention to the explosion in the King David Hotel and asking for the Pontiff's intervention to check "the wave of terrorism that is endangering Arab lives."

The Pope's official reply, given to the delegation, was noncommittal. He made it clear that he condemned the persecution of Jews and anti-semitism in all its manifestations and ended by promising his support to any program likely to ensure justice and peace in Palestine.