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ANNAPOLIS — Governor Hughes, now visiting Israel for two weeks, is planning to make another trip abroad early this fall.

Mr. Hughes has tentatively agreed to join a Department of Economic and Community Development trade mission to France in September. Deputy Secretary Hans F. Mayer confirmed yesterday.

Although Mr. Hughes's current trip to Israel is being paid for by Jewish groups and has been viewed by some as an indication of Mr. Hughes's interest in running for the U.S. Senate in 1986 once his term as governor expires, the planned trip to France will be paid for by the state.

During a trip that will coincide with a visit to Dunkirk by Maryland's floating ambassador of good will, the clipper ship Pride of Baltimore. Mr. Hughes may also be asked to meet with business executives in other European nations, including Germany, Mr. Mayer said.

"The governor, by his sheer title, might give us some entree or get us to some decision-makers we might not otherwise get to," Mr. Mayer said.

Mr. Hughes's planned trip to Dunkirk will mark his second visit to the northwestern French province of Nord-Pas de Calais, which has a sister-state relationship with Maryland. While there, he is expected to host a reception for business leaders, including shippers and exporters, and to talk to local officials about transportation, tourism, cultural activities and education.

Details of the trip, scheduled for September 14-21, are still being worked out. Mr. Mayer said the visit will be coordinated with business contacts developed through a series of receptions to be held aboard the Pride as it spends the summer working its way south along the coast of Europe from Scandinavia to Lisbon, Portugal, where it will spend next winter.

Economic Development Secretary Thomas H. Maddux, who accompanied Mr. Hughes to Israel, is also expected to lead a separate week-long economic-development trip to Britain.

That trade mission, beginning June 7, will be timed to coincide with the Pride of Baltimore's inaugural call at the port of London.