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1 Code cable from Gen. Burns, Jerusalem, to D.H.

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TO: SECRETARY GENERAL
FROM: BURNS JERUSALEM
DATE: 25 SEPTEMBER 1956
NUMBER: UNTSO 877

LETTER FROM ISRAELI PREMIER 25 SEPTEMBER AFTER CRITICIZING STATEMENT CABLED IN UNTSO 862 CONCLUDES: "I KNOW YOU TOO WELL TO ATTRIBUTE TO YOU ANY SHADE OF ILL WILL; BUT I GREATLY FEAR THAT THIS STATEMENT CAN ONLY ENCOURAGE JORDAN TO CONTINUE THESE MURDEROUS ATTACKS (AS ACTUALLY HAPPENED THE NEXT DAY). THESE ATTACKS ARE CLEARLY AIMED - IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE USUAL METHODS OF THE ARAB STATES (AND PARTICULARLY JORDAN AND EGYPT)- AT UNDERMINING THE VERY EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL BY SEEKING TO TERRORIZE ITS PEOPLE.

FURTHERMORE, THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PUBLIC CONDEMNATION OF 'RETALIATION' IN HIS REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AFTER HIS VISIT HERE LAST APRIL, ALSO ENCOURAGES -THOUGH OF COURSE THIS WAS FAR FROM HIS INTENTION- THE EGYPTIAN AND JORDANIAN OUTRAGES ALONG OUR BORDERS . FROM SUCH STATEMENTS THE ARAB STATES ARE BOUND TO INFER THAT THEY ARE AT LIBERTY TO CONTINUE, WITH COMPLETE IMPUNITY, THEIR EFFORTS TO TERRORIZE ISRAEL AND HER PEOPLE, AND THEREBY TO ENDANGER MY COUNTRY'S EXISTENCE. SUCH IS, I FEAR, THE ONLY PRACTICAL INTERPRETATION THAT ARAB CIRCLES CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLACE ON EXHORTATIONS NOT TO 'RETALIATE'. "