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Kidron, M. R. (Deputy Represent. of Israel
to the U.N.)

- 1 letter from D.H.

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Dear Mr. Kidron,

I have now received the parts of Mr. Ben-Gurion's statement in the "Knesset" which refer to the United Nations and the Armistice regime.

I have read it with all the understanding that I can bring to bear on his attitude. Having gone out of my way again and again in order to render the utmost justice to Israel's difficulties and viewpoints, having avoided anything but what under strict rules of law was necessary as to the relationship between Israel and the United Nations, I find in the speech a sweeping public indictment of the United Nations and its agents, repeating in a sharpened form allegations, many times discussed between us in detail. Mr. Ben-Gurion cannot have failed to understand that these allegations are founded on an interpretation of facts and law which, at least, is open to serious and honest differences of opinion. However, there is not in his speech any indication of the possibility that the United Nations may have reasons for its stand which deserve consideration.

I regret deeply that this official stand should be Mr. Ben-Gurion's first words after my last letter and the long exchange of views that it ended. In my treatment of the Palestine problem nothing now seems to remain but the duties of the chief executive officer of the Organization concerning the role of which Mr. Ben-Gurion has so clearly indicated his views.

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