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DATE: 19 NOVEMBER, 1956
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TO: SECRETARY-GENERAL
FROM: LEARY, JERUSALEM
DATE: 20 NOVEMBER 1956
NUMBER: UNTSO 1350

REMY 1339. MET WITH TAKOAH TODAY. HIS REPLY AT THIS MEETING COVERING REPLACEMENT OF UNMOS IN GAZA CAN BE SUMMED UP AS FOLLOWS. HE SPOKE MORE IN LIGHT OF WHAT ISRAELI AUTHORITIES THOUGHT OF THE GAZA SITUATION AND ARGUMENTS HE ENCOUNTERED AS A RESULT OF HIS STUDY SINCE MONDAY.

A. WHILE HE DID NOT WISH HIS REPLY TO BE REDUCED TO A SIMPLE CATEGORICAL "NO", HIS ANSWER IS, AT LEAST UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, GAZA UNMOS CANNOT BE REPLACED.

B. ISRAELIS MAINTAIN SINCE ISRAEL STATES THE GAA BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL IS NOT VALID, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR UNTSO PERSONNEL IN GAZA, AS THERE WAS NOTHING FOR THEM TO DO.

C. HE BELIEVES THE MATTER HAD BECOME ONE OF PRIDE AND EMOTION. ISRAELI OPINION IS THAT UNTSO IS NOT LEAVING GAZA OUT OF SPITE. HE BROUGHT UP THE POINT THAT WHEN JORDAN ASKED UNTSO TO KEEP OBSERVERS FROM FRANCE, NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA OUT OF JORDAN, WE DID NOT SEND ~~SUCH~~ PERSONNEL INTO JORDAN, THOUGH WE DID NOT ACQUIESCE OFFICIALLY. HE MAINTAINS ISRAELI REQUEST THAT UNTSO PERSONNEL LEAVE GAZA SHOULD BE HONOURED.

D. HE MAINTAINS UNATIONS SHOULD SEPARATE THE POLITICAL VIEWS FROM THE PRACTICAL REQUEST OF THE ISRAELI LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN GAZA.

E. HE WAS MOST DESIROUS THAT I RECOMMEND TO YOU THAT TSO PERSONNEL IN GAZA BE WITHDRAWN WITH THE RESERVATION THAT THEY MAY COME BACK WHEN THEY ARE NEEDED. THIS I TOLD HIM I WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT DO (NOR AM I DOING SO IN THIS MESSAGE).

I DID NOT AGREE WITH HIS ARGUMENTS AND YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT AS PER YOUR 630 TSO PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN IN GAZA.

I ALSO APPROACHED TEKOAH ON THE SUBJECT OF HAVING DELEGATES TO THE MACS AT LEAST HOLD INFORMAL MEETINGS. HE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE AND SHOWED INTEREST. THERE HAS BEEN AN INFORMAL MEETING OF CHAIRMAN AND DELEGATES TO JORDAN-ISRAEL MAC CONCERNING WHICH HE WAS PLEASED. OF COURSE THIS WOULD NOT APPLY TO EGYPT-ISRAEL MAC IN VIEW OF ISRAELS POSITION TOWARD THAT MAC. I HOPE THAT FROM THE INFORMAL MEETINGS A STEP FORWARD MAY BE MADE SO THAT MACS DO SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE.

MEETING WAS FRIENDLY, CORDIAL AND FRANK.

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TO: SECRETARY GENERAL
FROM: LEARY JERUSALEM
DATE: 21 NOVEMBER 1956
NUMBER: UNTSO 1353

AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT TO THE LAST MAIN PARAGRAPH OF MY 1350, IN VIEW OF THE FACTS THAT a. ISRAELI JORDAN D.L. IS QUIET FOR THE TIME BEING, b. RELATIONS BETWEEN DELEGATES OF ISRAEL JORDAN MAC ARE AT PRESENT HARMONIOUS, c. MAJOR FLINT HAS TAKEN OVER AS CHAIRMAN ISRAEL JORDAN MAC UPON THE TRANSFER OF COL MOE TO UNEF, d. TEKOAH'S APPARENT INTEREST IN HAVING MAC OPERATE AT LEAST TO SOME DEGREE, IT APPEARS TO BE TIME TO PUSH FOR THE RESUMPTION OF ISRAEL JORDAN MAC. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND, IF YOU AGREE, THAT MRS GOLDA MEIR BE APPROACHED IN NEW YORK TO HAVE ISRAEL RETURN COMPLETELY TO THE ISRAEL JORDAN MAC. IT COULD BE POINTED OUT TO MRS MEIR THAT SUCH A MOVE ON THE PART OF ISRAEL COULD CREATE A FAVOURABLE IMPRESSION.

FURTHERMORE WITH THE RESUMPTION OF THE ISRAEL JORDAN MAC I PLAN TO HAVE IT IMPRESSED ON THE DELEGATES THAT THEIR EFFORTS SHOULD BE BENT ON CORRECTION TO SOLVE PROBLEMS ON A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT RATHER THAN RESORTING TO THE SERIES OF CONDEMNATIONS WITH RESULTING DISQUIETING PROPAGANDA WHICH WORK AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION.

I DO NOT SUGGEST TAKING UP AT SAME TIME QUESTION OF REACTIVATING ISRAEL SYRIAN MAC AS PROSPECTS ARE NOT FAVOURABLE AS THEY SEEM TO BE IN THE ISRAEL JORDAN MAC.

WE APPRECIATE YOU ARE OVERBURDENED HOWEVER I FEEL COMPELLED TO
SUGGEST THE ABOVE IN ORDER TO EXPLOIT TO THE MAXIMUM THE SITUATION AS
IT IS SEEN FROM HERE.

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TO: SECGEN
FROM: LABOUISSSE, BEIRUT
DATE: 21 NOVEMBER, 1956
NUMBER: BEICO 140

PERSONAL AND MOST CONFIDENTIAL. FURTHER TO MY BEICOS 133 AND 138. JAMEESON REPORTS SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS WITH VICE MAYOR OF GAZA (NON REFUGEE) AND REFUGEE COMMITTEE DURING WHICH BOTH GROUPS URGED THAT THE UN SHOULD ASSUME CONTROL OF THE GAZA STRIP IF AND WHEN THE ISRAEL FORCES WITHDRAW. NEITHER WISHES THE EGYPTIANS TO RETURN. NON REFUGEES WHO ARE IN THE MINORITY EXPRESSED UTMOST CONCERN LEST WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELIS SHOULD BE THE SIGNAL FOR OUTBREAKS OF MOB VIOLENCE BY REFUGEES DURING WHICH INHABITANTS WOULD SUFFER EQUALLY WITH ANY PERSONNEL OR SYMBOLS OF FOREIGN INTERESTS (I.E. PRINCIPALLY UNRWA). I CONSIDER CONFIRMATION MY OWN FEARS FROM THIS SOURCE MOST SIGNIFICANT.

2. INDICATIONS OF ISRAEL ULTIMATE INTENTIONS SLIGHT AND CONFUSING. IN CONVERSATION THEY ARE CERTAINLY LESS ASSURED THAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER OCCUPATION AND TEND TO QUALIFY STATEMENTS ABOUT LONG TERM PLANS. MOREOVER IN ADDITION TO TRANSFERRING LARGE STOCKS OF CAPTURED WAR MATERIAL THROUGH THE STRIP TO ISRAEL THEY HAVE BEGUN TO REMOVE CERTAIN CIVIL EQUIPMENT FROM GAZA E.G. ICE MAKING PLANT AND FIRE ENGINES. CONTRARIWISE THEY ARE PRESSING US TO REOPEN SCHOOLS (ALTHOUGH THEY INSIST UPON THOROUGH SCREENING OF TEACHERS) AND SEVERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE NOW

REPRESENTED IN GAZA. JAMIESON BELIEVES THAT ISRAELIS DID NOT ANTICIPATE SIZE OF COMMITMENT AND MAY BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS.

3. ALL THIS REINFORCES MY URGENT WARNINGS THAT PLANS SHOULD BE MADE TO INSTAL SOME FORM OF CONTROL IN CASE ISRAEL DECIDES, EITHER OF NECESSITY OR IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL ADVANTAGE, TO WITHDRAW FROM THE STRIP. I SHOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE THAT SUCH PLANS ARE BEING PREPARED (POSSIBLY BY US GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE YOUR 268) AND WOULD BE GLAD FOR OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THEM. I WOULD CERTAINLY URGE YOU TO OBTAIN FROM ISRAEL GOVT AT LEAST AN UNDERTAKING TO GIVE YOU ADEQUATE ADVANCE WARNING. I NEED NOT POINT OUT AGAIN THAT ANY POLICE FORCE INSTALLED MUST BE STRONG ENOUGH AND EQUIPPED AND PREPARED TO DEAL WITH MOB CONDITIONS.

4. I DO NOT PROPOSE AT THIS STAGE TO EXPAND UPON THE FINANCIAL LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS INHERENT IN ASSUMPTION TO UN OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GAZA STRIP SAVE TO REMARK THAT IT IS AN ECONOMIC MONSTROSITY WITH NO POSSIBILITY IN EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES OF BECOMING VIABLE. PERMANENT UN RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD THEREFORE BE AVOIDED AND ITS FUTURE DETERMINED ON CONTEXT OF SOLUTION OF PALESTINE PROBLEM AS A WHOLE. I SHALL BE GLAD TO DISCUSS WHEN NEXT WE MEET.

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TO: SECRETARY-GENERAL
FROM: LEARY, JERUSALEM
DATE: 21 NOVEMBER 1956
NUMBER: UNTSO 1357

CONFIDENTIAL. FOR YOUR INFO FOLLOWING IS RESUME OF LETTER DATED 19 NOVEMBER FROM LTCOL BAYARD CHAIRMAN, KIMAC, COPY OF WHICH FOLLOWS BY POUCH. COLONEL BAYARDS INFORMANTS INCLUDE UNRWA OFFICIALS AND NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS.

1. BELIEVED LOCATIONS OF EGYPTIAN PRISONERS ARE AS FOLLOWS: A. MILITARY POWS MOSTLY IN VICINITY HAIFA. B. EGYPTIAN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS AT TEL AVIV. C. BETWEEN 2,000-3,000 PALESTINE CIVILIAN PRISONERS CONCENTRATED VICINITY IZDUD, NORTH OF MIGDAL. D. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR AND TWO JUDGES ARE IN POW CAMPS. E. A WELL INFORMED ISRAELI SOURCE SUGGESTED THE RETURN OF POWS AS SOON AS "SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE" "BECAUSE OF THE EXPENSE INVOLVED IN FEEDING AND HOUSING THEM".
2. ON 10 NOVEMBER AND FOR THREE TO SEVEN DAYS AFTER, ALL EGYPTIAN MALES IN GAZA WERE ROUNDED UP AND FORCED TO LOAD AMMUNITION ONTO FREIGHT CARS.
3. ON NIGHT 14 NOVEMBER THE ISRAELI MILITARY GOVERNOR INFORMED THE MAYOR, EX-MAYOR AND TWO NOTABLES (INCLUDING A CHRISTIAN REPRESENTATIVE) OF GAZA THEY MUST PREPARE A STATEMENT ASKING THE ISRAELIS TO TAKE OVER AND ADMINISTER THE GAZA STRIP. WHEN BY NEXT NIGHT NO SUCH STATEMENT HAD BEEN PREPARED HE PREPARED ONE AND MADE THEM SIGN IT. THIS SIGNED STATEMENT WAS THEN TAKEN TO APPROXIMATELY 40 LEADING CITIZENS FOR EACH TO SIGN.
4. A HOUSING SURVEY OF NUMBERS OF PEOPLE IN EACH HOUSE IN GAZA HAS RECENTLY BEEN MADE. BAYARD GIVES HIS OPINION THAT HOUSES MAY BE FORCIBLY EMPTIED FOR ISRAELIS.

5. EGYPTIAN OFFICERS FAMILIES ARE CONCENTRATED IN ONE AREA. UNOFFICIAL STATEMENTS IMPLY AN ISRAELI DESIRE TO REPATRIATE THEM TO EGYPT.

6. THERE ARE 65,000 PERSONS RESIDING THE STRIP WHOSE LANDS WERE ACROSS THE D/L IN ISRAEL AND WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN 10 KGS FLOUR PER PERSON EACH MONTH BY THE EGYPTIANS. THE MILITARY GOVERNOR IS QUOTED BY AN UNRWA OFFICIAL WHO DISCUSSED THIS WITH HIM AS SAYING HE WILL GIVE FLOUR ONLY TO THOSE FOUND TO BE ACTUALLY STARVING.

7. TWICE LAST WEEK BAYARD WAS VISITED BY THE MAYOR, EX-MAYOR, A BANK MANAGER AND THE PASTOR OF THE ARAB CATHOLIC CHURCH, WHO CLAIM THEY SPEAK FOR ALL ARAB LEADERS IN DESIRING UNATIONS TO TAKE OVER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STRIP UNTIL ITS FATE IS DECIDED. THEY SAY THEY DO NOT WANT EITHER EGYPTIANS OR ISRAELIS.

8. THERE IS A LOCAL COMPLAINT THAT PALESTINIANS HAVE NOT BEEN REPRESENTED IN DISCUSSIONS ON REFUGEE PROBLEMS.

9. IT IS BELIEVED THAT MANY ARABS, INCLUDING THE SPOKESMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF REFUGEES, HAVE CROSSED ISRAEL INTO JORDAN.

(FOLLOWING NOT IN BAYARDS LETTER: ON THIS LAST POINT, UNRWA OFFICIAL IN JERUSALEM STATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 1,200 GAZA RESIDENTS RECENTLY ARRIVED IN AMMAN AND CLARK HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE UNRWA ASSISTANCE).

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TO: SECRETARY GENERAL
FROM: LEARY JERUSALEM
DATE: 27 NOVEMBER 1956
NUMBER: UNTSO 1413

NELSON LEFT JERUSALEM FOR GAZA AT 270800Z BY ISRAELI VEHICLE. IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT INTENT OF YOUR 875 WHICH WAS RECEIVED IN JERUSALEM ABOUT 8 HOURS LATER, NELSON RADIOED THAT HE WOULD INFORM ISRAELIS HE WOULD USE GAZA UNTSO HOUSE LODGING AND BAYARDS SEDAN TO MOVE IN AREA. JUST RECEIVED FOLLOWING FROM NELSON:

"FIRST. HAVE FINISHED TALKING TO GAON AND TEKOAH BOTH OF WHOM EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN IN MY USING UNTSO HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION. THEY FEEL THAT IMPLICATIONS IN THE USE OF MAC HOUSING OR TRANSPORTATION WOULD PREJUDICE THE 'SECURITY AND GOOD ORDER HERE' AND THAT IT WOULD IMPLY THAT 'EGYPTIANS ARE RETURNING HERE IN THE WAKE OF THE UNEF AND TRUCE ORGANIZATION REESTABLISHED'. SECOND. PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS ARE THAT SVEDLUND AND I BE BILLITED IN A HOTEL AT ASHKELON AND TRAVEL IN COL. GAONS CAR. THIRD. THEY INDICATED THAT SHOULD THIS LATTER ARRANGEMENT NOT BE USED THAT WE SHOULD ALL RETURN TO JERUSALEM FOR CLARIFICATION FROM BOTH SEGGEN AND ISRAELI FOREIGN OFFICE. FOURTH. DUE TO IMPORTANCE OF MISSION I RECOMMEND THAT WE FOLLOW ISRAELI ARRANGEMENT INITIALLY. IF THIS LATER PROVES UNSATISFACTORY THEN I WILL ASK FOR THE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. THEY STATE THAT WE WILL BE GIVEN FULL FREEDOM. THEY ARE NOW AWAITING REPLY FROM ME BY 2030 HOURS Z."

NELSON AND SVEDLUND NOW AT GAZA UNTSO HOUSE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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TO: SECRETARY GENERAL (INFO BURNS)
FROM: NELSON JERUSALEM
DATE: 29 NOVEMBER 1956
NUMBER: UNTSO 1428

INITIAL REPORT OF SITUATION GAZA AREA, 28 NOVEMBER. ARRIVED APPROXIMATELY 1000Z 27 NOVEMBER.

1. ON 27 NOVEMBER ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY COMMANDER GAON AND MR TEKOAH VISITED GAZA TOWN BY CAR AND FOOT. TALKED TO CIVILIANS IN SHOPS AND STREETS. TRANQUILITY APPARENT, PEOPLE WALKING IN NORMAL GROUPS AND NUMBERS. USUAL WORK PARTLY GOING ON. OBSERVED NO POPULATION FEAR OF ISRAELIS, CHILDREN TRYING TO SELL TRINKETS AND GADGETS TO ISRAELI SOLDIERS. MARKETS, GROCERIES, BAKERIES ETC ETC ETC OPENED ON ORDER FROM MILITARY COMMANDER. LARGE PART OF REST OF SHOPS CLOSED (OTHER SHOPS TO BE OPENED ON VOLUNTARY BASIS). HOSPITALS IN OPERATION. ELECTRICAL AND WATER INSTALLATIONS APPARENTLY IN ORDER.

2. 178 PRISONERS (CRIMINALS) ALLEGEDLY LET OUT BEFORE ENTRANCE OF ISRAELI FORCES - 28 RECOVERED. MINOR GROUPS OF ISRAELI SOLDIERS PLACED IN VITAL POINTS OF TOWN, ISRAELI POLICE AND FEW LOCAL FORMER PALESTINIAN POLICE VISIBLE PATROLLING TOWN. CURFEW IN GAZA TOWN FROM 1400Z UNTIL 0600Z. 200 PERMITS TO FISHERMEN ALLEGEDLY GIVEN ALTHOUGH ONLY FEW BOATS IN OPERATION VISIBLE BECAUSE OF ROUGH SEA. POPULATION INFORMED THROUGH RADIO OF ARRIVAL OF TEAM. ALMOST ONLY ISRAELI VEHICLES OBSERVED IN GAZA TOWN SOME LOCAL TRUCKS AND BUSES IN OPERATION ON 28 NOVEMBER. POSTAL SERVICE SUPPOSED TO REOPEN 3 DECEMBER.

3. INFORMATION FROM MILITARY COMMANDER ILO ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS FOUND INTACT AFTER ENTRANCE OF ISRAELI FORCES. ISRAELI USING THEM IN SCREENING INHABITANTS IN GAZA AREA REPORTEDLY SORTING OUT MEMBERS OF FEDAYEEN UNITS, SOLDIERS OF PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ARMY AND EGYPTIAN ARMY.

4. PROCLAMATION MADE THAT EVERYONE IN SAND DUNE AREA 083000 (BETWEEN KHAN YUNIS AND RAFAH) SHOULD CONGREGATE IN GIVEN AREA IMMEDIATE SOUTH OF INTERNATIONAL FRONTIER, SOUTH WEST OF RAFAH.

5. LARGE AMOUNT OF ARMS ANDX AMMUNITION ALLEGEDLY FOUND BY ISRAELIS.

6. ABOVE IS INTERIM REPORT. OTHER FACTORS REQUIRE FURTHER INVESTIGATION. ANTICIPATE THAT INVESTIGATION CAN BE COMPLETED IN THREE MORE DAYS.

Underlined as per copy received.

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TO: SECRETARY GENERAL
FROM: LEARY JERUSALEM
DATE: 29 NOVEMBER 1956
NUMBER: UNTSO 1429

RESULTS OF YOUR 886. A. NELSON SPOKE WITH TEKOAH AND GAON NIGHT OF 28TH AND SECURED FOLLOWING AGREEMENT: 1, HE WILL USE UNTSO HOUSING, 2, UNTSO VEHICLE WILL BE USED. 3, HE WILL BE FREETO MOVE AND INTERROGATE WITHOUT PRESENCE OF ISRAELI AUTHORITIES WITH QUALIFICATION THAT ONE OFFICER WILL ACCOMPANY HIM (FOR SECURITY PURPOSES) BUT WILL NOT BE PRESENT AT INTERROGATION.

B. HE DID NOT HAVE TO USE TWO POINTS OUTLINED IN YOUR 886.

6. HE ANTICIPATES NO FURTHER TROUBLE ALTHOUGH TEKOAH AND GAON VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT WHAT HE WILL INCLUDE IN FINAL REPORT. THIS FACTOR DELAYED AGREEMENT ON THIRD ITEM ABOVE.

NEW SUBJECT. MY 1424. NELSON TELLS ME THAT HE MADE NO "SPECIFIC OR CATEGORICAL" STATEMENT TO TEKOAH OR GAON, BUT AFTER TOUR GAZA CITY ISRAELIS MAY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT HIS IMPRESSIONS WERE THAT "EVERYTHING SEEMED TRANQUIL AND ORDERLY". BEN GURION'S STATEMENT AS QUOTED BY PRESS WILL BE SENT TO NELSON.

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