

**Middle East - Suez story No
27-32: Middle East - Suez
story No 27-32 - 7**

HS L 179:114



National Library
of Sweden

Dag Hammarskjöld's saml.

Midelle East / Suez story - 27

1 - 11 March 57

Burns, E.L.M. (Chief of Staff, UNEF)

- 1 code cable from D.M.
- 1 code cable to D.M.

HIGHEST PRIORITY

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: BURNS, BALLAH
FROM: SECRETARY GENERAL
DATE: 1 March 1957
NO:

One. Government of Israel announced today, first March, its "plans for full and prompt withdrawal from the Sharm-el-Sheikh Area and the Gaza Strip in compliance with resolution I of February 2, 1957".

Two. Accordingly, Government of Israel proposes that a meeting be held immediately between Chief-of-Staff of Israel Defence Army and the Commander of UNEF in order to "arrange for the UN to take over its responsibilities" in the Sharm-al-Shaikh and Gaza areas.

Three. As a matter of utmost urgency, repeat utmost urgency, arrange for meeting with Dayan on Saturday, second March if at all possible or, if not, as soon as possible thereafter.

Four. We suggest Gaza as site of meeting, with Rafah or El Auja also satisfactory.

Five. In meeting with Dayan be guided by following considerations:

- a. Withdrawal is to be "prompt", and you should press for quickest possible implementation with observance of point c repeat c below. A range of 24 to 72 hours is indicated.

We assume UNEF is prepared to move in without delay.

/b. Withdrawal

- b. Withdrawal must be "complete", which includes police and civilian administrative personnel as well as military.
 - c. Arrangements for Israeli withdrawal and UNEF take-over, especially in Gaza area, should be so synchronized as to avoid any vacuum, that is UNEF should be in before Israelis depart and in position to arrange agreed orderly take-over of necessary activities from Israeli authorities.
 - d. UNEF entry should be in strength and no mere token numbers.
 - e. Your position in talks with Dayan should rest exclusively on resolutions of General Assembly and documents on which they are based, with unconditional withdrawal as their clear and firm objective.
 - f. Refer any controversial questions immediately to Headquarters.
- Six. Inform urgently as soon as meeting with Dayan is fixed.

INCOMING CODE CABLE

TO : SECRETARY GENERAL
FROM : BURNS - BALLAH
DATE : 11 MARCH 1957 - 1703 EST
NUMBER : UNEF 561

Reddy's message giving communique on appointment of Egyptian Administrative Governor received subsequently to despatch UNEF 554 and 556. Recommendations and views in paras 2 to 5 thus overtaken by events. Presume Bunche and I will be receiving instructions on position to take in this matter. Following is "amplification" referred to para 7.

Would hope it will be possible get assurances from Nasser that (a) No Egyptian Troops will enter Strip.

(b) There will be no Fedayeen activity and Egyptian Administration will cooperate with UNEF in suppressing individual attempts at marauding into Israel or illegally crossing D/L

(c) Administration will enforce regulations prohibiting possession of arms.

(d) There will be full cooperation with UNRWA including allowing food stored at Haifa to be brought into Strip.

Conditions Gaza today normal. I saw Mayor Munir El Reis who was very polite, made few requests, regarding reopening of banks, release of certain prisoners, etc. He seemed satisfied by assurance UNEF was not here to "Internationalize" Strip but to fulfil tasks imposed by General Assembly Resolutions. It may be he and council have had word to co-

operate, at any rate for time being. I shall try to see Mayors of
Khan Yunis, and Rafah tomorrow. Your AAS only partly decoded when
Bunche had to leave for Cairo. Being sent him safehand early twelvth.