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D.H.'s Memorandum to A.W. Cordier, Exec. Assist.  
to the Sec.-Gen.

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mr. Andrew W. Cordier, Executive Assistant  
to the Secretary-General

FROM: The Secretary-General

1. An understanding will have to be formalized between the United Nations and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency concerning the extent to which UNRWA, for the time being, would assume responsibilities beyond the normal in assistance to the UN administration of "initial take-over". Presumably UNRWA will have to be reimbursed for extra costs. The agreement will have to cover:
  - a) fields or responsibility;
  - b) actual functions;
  - c) extension of humanitarian activities beyond refugees.
2. Precision must be given to functions not accepted by UNRWA for which UNEF will be responsible during "initial take-over". Necessary civilian officers must be put at the Commander's disposal, either as part of the UNEF or, as members of the Secretariat, on secondment to the UNEF.
3. Relations UNEF-UNTSO must be settled as proposed.
4. A de facto understanding with the Egyptians must exist as to extent and character of the various UN activities during the period of initial take-over.

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The General Assembly must be understood to accept:

- 1) Wider functions for UNRWA in assistance to UN.
  - 2) Functions for UNEF derived from the normal functions, but during initial take-over extending beyond what explicitly follows from basic decisions. (The General Assembly has never directly permitted the use of UNEF as organ responsible for civilian administration).
  - 3) Wider costs for the Secretariat (including compensation to UNRWA).
  - 4) Modified role for UNTSO (Implicitly accepted already).
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Administrative preparation at Headquarters of all decisions concerning the administration of Gaza, apart from the purely political operations, should be entrusted to a Committee with the following basic composition:

General Martola,  
a representative of UNRWA  
Mr. Stavropoulos  
Mr. Turner  
Mr. Vaughan

After Dr. Bunche's return it may function under the chairmanship of him as representative of the Secretary-General. In his absence it should function under the chairmanship of either Mr. Labouisse or Mr. Cordier, the other one, if possible, participating, so as to maintain continuity. The Committee should be constituted this morning, work through the day, and meet formally later this afternoon (5 p.m.)<sup>1</sup>.

The Committee can associate experts from outside or from within the Secretariat. Thus, Mr. Gunter of the Fund should participate at this stage.

General Clay will be consultant to the Secretary-General (not to be publicized).

Mr. Finnmark and Mr. Shastri should assist the Committee.