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- Statement by Ralph Bunche prior to his departure for Gaza (Omnipress from Cairo)
- Summary of debates in Knesset (Jerusalem Post) (cables from Leary, Jerusalem)
- Gaza takeover - talks Nasser - Bunche (Reuter)

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26 PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR GAZA THIS MORNING DR RALP BUNCHE
RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT QUOTE PUBLISHED REPORTS HAVE
BEEN NOTED ATTRIBUTING TO DR BUNCHE CERTAIN COMMENTS ON THE
DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT TO APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATIVE
GOVERNOR FOR GAZA IN WHICH SUCH EXPRESSIONS QUOTE

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AS AGREED TO UNQUOTE QUOTE IN AGREEMENT WITH UNQUOTE QUOTE COOPE-
RATE WITH UNQUOTE QUOTE WELCOME UNQUOTE ETC ARE USED STOP DR BUNCHE
WISHES IT KNOWN IN ORDER THAT THE RECORD MAY BE STRAIGHT THAT HE HAS
MADE OR AUTHORIZED TO BE MADE NONE OF THE COMMENTS ATRIBUTED TO
HIM OTHER

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THAN TO SAY THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE UNATIONS SECRETARIAT HE HAS NO
AUTHORITY TO COMMENT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER ON THE ACTION OF ANY MEMBER
STATE NOR WOULD IT BE PROPER FOR HIM TO DO SO UNQUOTE

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UNTSO 322 CORDIER FROM LEARY STOP JERUSALEM POST 7 MARCH
STOP ALFA STOP QUOTE STOP AFTER SIX HOURS OF HEATED DEBATE
THE KNESSET YESTERDAY CMA BY LARGE MAJORITIES CMA DEFEATED
HERUT AND COMMUNIST MOTIONS OF NON-CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERN-
MENT AND A GENERAL ZIONIST MOTION DEMANDING THAT

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THE GOVERNMENT SUBQUOTE IMMEDIATELY HALT THE WITHDRAWAL FROM
THE GAZA STRIP AND SOLOMONS DAY UNSUBQUOTE STOP PARA STOP
IN ORDER TO PRESERVE COALITION UNITY CMA NO RESOLUTION WAS
PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT ASKING THE KNESSET TO ENDORSE THE
PRIME MINISTERS STATEMENTS ON TUESDAY NIGHT OR EVEN SUBQUOTE
TO TAKE NOTE

P3

OF IT UNSUBQUOTE CMA AS IS CUSTOMARY STOP PARA STOP THESE WERE
THE DAYS HIGHLIGHTS CLN PARA STOP THE PRIME MINISTER INDIRECTLY
REPLIED TO MR DULLES REMARKS YESTERDAY PAREN SUPPORTING MR LODGES
SPEECH TO THE UUNN UNPAREN BY REJECTING THE ARMISTICE AS A BASIS
OF SETTLEMENT AND WARNING AGAINST SUBQUOTE

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EREACKING PROMISES UNSUBQUOTE STOP PARA STOP AHDUT HAAVODA
AND MAPAM SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENTS
DECISION TO WITHDRAW CMA BUT VOTED AGAINST THE HERUT AND
GENERAL ZIONIST RKESOLUTIONS PROTESTING THE WITHDRAWAL STOP
PARA STOP MR MOSHE SHARETT PARTICIPATED IN A KNESSET DEBATE FOR
THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS

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RESIGNATION AS FOREIGN MINISTER LAST JUNE STOP PARA STOP
ELEVEN MEMBERS CMA FROM THREE PARTIES CMA WERE SUBQUOTE CALLED
TO ORDER UNSUBQUOTE BY DEPUTY SPEAKER BEBA IDELSON CMA
DURING THE PANDEM MONIUM WHICH TOOK PLACE WHILE MR GALILI WAS
KSPEAKING STOP PARA STOP A RECORD NUMBER OF 110 MEMBERS
WERE PRESENT

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TO VOTE STOP UNQUOTE STOP BRAVO STOP QUOTE STOP WINDING UP
THE KNESSET DEBATE YESTERDAY CMA THE PRIME MINISTER WARNED
THAT IF THE PROMISES MADE TO ISRAEL WERE BROKEN CMA THE HOPES
OF PEACE WOULD GO UP IN SMOKE STOP ONLY IF THE PROMISES WERE
KEPT CMA AND THE NATIONS

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THAN IT HAD BEEN BEFORE THE SINAI OPERATION STOP PARA STOP
NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME

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OTHER COUNTRIES ADMITTED ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO SELFDEFENCE UNDER
ARTICLE FIFTYONE OF THE UUNNN CHARTER CMA WITH THE SUPPORT
OF THEIR PEOPLES AND PRESS AND PUBLIC OPINION STOP PARA STOP MR
BEN GURION SAID THAT MERE DECLARATION WERE NO GUARANTEE OF ISRAEL'S
RIGHTS DASH WE COULD NOT BUILD ON

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THEM ALONE STOP THE MAKERS OF THE DECLARATIONS COULD DENY
THEM TOMORROW OR INTERPRET THEM AS THEY PLEASED STOP PARA STOP
NEVERTHELESS THE DECLARATIONS WERE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE SINCE
THEY WERE NOW GIVEN AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE
CMA THE EXISTENCE OF THE ISRAEL DEFENCE FORCES AND WORLD-WIDE

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JEWISH UNITY IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL STOP PARA STOP IN ADDITION
CMA THEY WERE EVIDENCE OF AN UNPARALLELED CHANGE OF ATTITUDE
TOWARDS ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE AND THE JUSTICE OF HER CAUSE STOP
PARA STOP STATEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE THAT THE FUTURE OF THE GAZA
STRIP WOULD BE GOVERNED BY THE ARMISTICE

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AGREEMENTS STOP WE DENY THIS COMPLETELY CMA THE PRIME MINISTER
SAID CMA NOT BECAUSE WE DENY OUR SIGNATURE TO THE AGREEMENT
CMA BUT BECAUSE ALL THROUGH THE YEARS THE OTHER SIDE DID NOT
HONOUR ITS SIGNATURE STOP PARA STOP BESIDES CMA THE POWERS
HAVE HAD TO ADMIT THAT FOR EIGHT

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YEARS THE UUNNN HAD BEEN UNJUST TO ISRAEL CMA SUBQUOTE LET
THEM RIGHT THE WRONG FIRST UNSUBQUOTE STOP PARA STOP IF ANY
THING WAS DONE IN GAZA ON THE BASIS OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH
WOULD RESTORE THE POSITION THAT EXISTED FOUR MONTHS AGO CMA
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HERSELF STOP PARA STOP WE DID NOT BELITTLE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FRIENDSHIP WE ACQUIRED IN THE LAST FOUR MONTHS AND THE DECLARATIONS THAT WERE MADE STOP THE COUNTRIES THAT MADE THESE DECLARATIONS HAD ASSUMED A MORAL RESPONSIBILITY STOP PARA STOP RECENT EVENTS HAD SHOWN THAT ISRAEL CMA THOUGH A

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SMALL COUNTRY WAS A FORCE IN THIS AREA WHICH COULD NOT BE IGNORED CMA HE DECLARED STOP UNQUOTE STOP CHARLIE STOP EDITORIAL STOP QUOTE STOP DOT DOT DOT STOP THE UNITED NATIONS ALONE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE OR CARRY OUT ANY SUCH PLAN CMA ANY MORE THAN ISRAEL

P15

ALONE AND UNAIDED COULD HAVE DONE SO CMA FOR THE FUTURE OF THE STRIP WILL ONCE MORE CMA OR SO IT SEEMS CMA BE CIRCUMSCRIBED BY ITS OWN EXCESSIVELY NARROW BORDERS STOP PARA STOP EVEN SHOULD PEACE BE PERMANENTLY PRESERVED THERE CMA WHICH SEEMS SCARCELY POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES CMA

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IN THE LONG RUN THE PEOPLE OF GAZA HAVE LITTLE TO BE THANKFUL FOR IN THE UNUNNN TREATMENT OF THEIR CASE STOP UNQUOTE STOP.

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UNTSO 355 CORDIER FROM LEARY REPEATED BUNCHE BURNS GAZA
STOP JERUSALEM POST 14 MARCH PUBLISHES FOLLOWING SUMMARY
OF PRIME MINISTERS REPLY TO A QUESTION IN KNESSET YESTERDAY
STOP QUOTE STOP THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS SURPRISE
YESTERDAY AT THE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED IN THE PRESS TO
DR RALPH BUNCHE

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CMA THE UNN UNDER SECRETARY CMA WHO HAD VISITED THE GAZA
STRIP CMA TO THE EFFECT THAT UNEF IS IN THE AREA SUBQUOTE
WITH THE AGREEMENT OF EGYPT UNSUBQUOTE STOP PARA STOP SPEAKING
IN THE KNESSET IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY MR YIGAL ALON PAREN
AHDUT HAAVODA UNPAREN CMA

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MR BEN GURION SAID IT WAS NOT IN THE POWER OF THE EGYPTIAN
DICTATOR TO AGREE OR TO DISAGREE TO THIS CMA SINCE HE WAS
IGNOMINIOUSLY EXPELLED FROM THE STRIP STOP PARA STOP MR
BEN GURION ADDED WITH REGRET THAT DR BUNCHE'S SUPERIORS IN
THE UNN HAVE SOMETIMES BEEN MORE

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CONCERNED WITH THE PRESTIGE OF THE EGYPTIAN DICTATOR THAN
WITH THE FULLFILMENT OF EGYPT'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS OR
THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST STOP PARA STOP
MR ALON CALLED ATTENTION TO THE APPOINTMENT BY EGYPT OF
A MILITARY GOVERNOR IN THE STRIP STOP HE ASKED WHETHER THE PRIME

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MINISTER WAS PREPARED TO ASSURE THE KNESSET THAT ISRAEL WOULD
USE ALL THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY MEANS IN HER POWER IN ORDER
TO PREVENT THE RETURN OF THE STRIP TO EGYPTIAN RULE STOP PARA
STOP THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT FOR THE PRESENT THE GOVERNMENT
HAS TAKEN POLITICAL MEASURES AGAINST

P6

THE ATTEMPTS ON THE PART OF THE EGYPTIANS TO WHICH MR ALON
REFERRED STOP PARA STOP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS
DECLARATION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CMA ISRAEL RESERVED FREEDOM
OF ACTION IN THE EVENT OF THE EGYPTIANS RETURNING TO THE
STRIP CMA WHICH NEVER BELONGED TO THEM CMA

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OR THREATS AGAINST ISRAEL STOP PARA STOP IF THE TIME CAME
WHEN ACTION WAS APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY CMA MR BEN GURION
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NOTICE OF ITS ACTIONS

P8

STOP PARA STOP HE SAID THAT WHEN MR ALON'S PARTY TOGETHER
WITH OTHERS CMA VOTED LAST WEEK AGAINST THE GENERAL ZIONISTS
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PLACE IN THE STRIP STOP PAREN

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LAUGHTER FROM HERUT BENCHES UNPAREN STOP PARA STOP THE
GOVERNMENTS POLICY IN REGARD TO THE STRIP WAS DEFINED BY
THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON MARCH ONE
STOP THIS DECLARATION WAS SUPPORTED BY A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT
AND RESPONSIBLE STATES CMA AND ISRAEL HAD NO REASON TO SUPPOSE

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THAT THIS SUPPORT WAS LIGHTLY GIVEN STOP UNQUOTE STOP PARA
STOP DOT DOT DOT STOP WITH REGARD TO A MOTION REGARDING THE
SECURITY BURDEN ON BORDER SETTLEMENTS CMA THE PRIME MINISTER
STATED QUOTE THAT DEFENCES FORCES HAD ALREADY SET ASIDE IL
ONE MILLION FOR FORTIFICATIONS AND INCREASED SECURITY IN
SETTLEMENTS

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STOP AND THE MINISTER OF FINANCE WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON
FRIDAY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SETTLEMENTS IN THE SOUTH IN
ORDER TO DISCUSS THEIR ADDITIONAL SECURITY NEEDS STOP PARA
STOP MR BEN GURION SAID HE HAD ASKED THE GENERAL STAFF
TO PREPARE TWO PLANS FOR THE SECURITY OF BORDER SETTLEMENTS

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CMA PARTICULARLY THOSE ALONG THE GAZA STRIP STOP PARA STOP
ONE PLAN WAS TO BE BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION OF UNLIMITED MONEY
AND MANPOWER CMA WHILE THE OTHER WAS TO CONSIDER BUDGETARY
LIMITATIONS STOP WHEN THE PLANS WERE COMPLETED THEY
WOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY
COMMITTEE STOP UNQUOTE END.

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UNEF GAZA

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BUNCHE BURNS AND CORDIER FROM REDDY STOP FOLLOWING TEXT
OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT JUST ISSUED IN CAIRO QUOTE ABLE KADER HATEM
CMA DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CMA STATED THIS
MORNING THAT FULL COOPERATION MARKED RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN
AUTHORITIES AND UNEF AND THAT EGYPT DOES WHAT SHE CAN TO HELP

P2

UNEF CARRY OUT THE DUTIES PLACED UPON THEIR SHOULDERS BY
THE UN RESOLUTIONS STOP HATEM ADDED THAT THE INHABITANTS OF
THE GAZA SECTOR LOOK UPON UNEF AS FRIENDLY FORCES AND COOPERATE
WITH THEM FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE AND IN ORDER THAT THE MISSION
ENTRUSTED TO THEM BY UN MAY

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BUNCHE

CAIRO, MARCH 13-(REUTERS)-UNITED NATIONS UNDERSECRETARY RALPH BUNCHE SAID TODAY AFTER A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MASSER THAT THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE "IS NOT DELAYING THE ARRIVAL OF EGYPTIAN ADMINISTRATORS IN GAZA." BUNCHE SAID THE UNEF WILL COOPERATE WITH EGYPTIAN ADMINISTRATORS THERE.

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FIRST ADD CAIRO BUNCHE X X X THERE.

BUNCHE SAID "UNEF'S PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY IS TO BE STATIONED BETWEEN THE TWO DISPUTING PARTIES ON THE TRUCE LINES. UNEF WILL COOPERATE WITH EGYPTIAN ADMINISTRATORS IN GAZA."

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THIRD ADD CAIRO BUNCHE X X X GAZA.

BUNCHE CONVEYED TO NASSER U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD'S VIEWS ON THE UNEF AND ON THE GAZA SITUATION.

BUNCHE SAID THAT THE UNEF "MOST CERTAINLY" WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE EGYPTIAN ADMINISTRATORS IN GAZA "BECAUSE OUR MISSION IS TO COOPERATE WITH THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES."

MEANWHILE, UNITED NATIONS DIVERS AND FROGMEN WERE WORKING ON THE LAST OBSTACLE TO NAVIGATION IN THE SUEZ CANAL, THE TUG EDGAR BONNET.

A U.N. SPOKESMAN SAID SALVAGE TEAMS WOULD PLACE CABLES UNDER THE TUG AS THE FIRST STEP IN LIFTING OPERATIONS.

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(GAZA)

CAIRO--ASSISTANT U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL RALPH BUNCHE AND EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT NASSER AGREED THAT EGYPT WILL TAKE OVER CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OF THE GAZA STRIP.

BUNCHE SAID U.N. EMERGENCY FORCES WOULD TURN OVER THE GAZA ADMINISTRATION TO EGYPT IN THE SAME WAY IT RETURNED CONTROL OF PORT SAID TO EGYPT AFTER THE ANGLO-FRENCH INVASION.

"HOWEVER, IT IS UP TO THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES TO ANNOUNCE WHEN THE TAKEOVER WILL TAKE PLACE," HE SAID.

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SECOND ADD CAIRO BUNCHE X X X GAZA."

TWO DAYS AGO, EGYPT APPOINTED A GOVERNOR FOR GAZA AND PREPARED FOR THE "IMMEDIATE" RETURN OF EGYPTIAN ADMINISTRATORS TO THE AREA.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CREATED A NEW CRISIS AND TODAY ISRAEL THREATENED TO USE FORCE TO PREVENT EGYPT'S RETURN TO GAZA.

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