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UNATIONS GENEVA

CLOUDY MORNING HERE.
FOR SECRETARY GENERAL FROM LEARY.

YOUR LETTER TO MR. BEN GURION WAS DELIVERED THIS MORNING AT
0734Z TO MR. LOURIE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ISRAEL FOREIGN OFFICE
FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL./.

5/5/57

UNATIONS NEW YORK
(Info Geneva)

UNTSO 582 CORDIER INFO SECRETARY GENERAL GENEVA FROM LEARY.

SAW ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER THIS MORNING AT HER REQUEST. SHE REFERRED TO INCIDENTS WITH SYRIANS ALLEGING THAT SINCE 18 APRIL THEY HAD SHOT THREE TIMES AT ISRAELIS IN NORTHERN AREA OF LAKE TIBERIAS. THIRD INCIDENT - INVESTIGATION OF WHICH NOT COMPLETED - WAS LAST NIGHT WHEN FOUR FISHERMEN WOUNDED. SHE WONDERED HOW IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR SYRIANS TO FIRE WHEN UNMOS WERE AT BUTEHA. UNMOS APPARENTLY COULD NOT REPEAT NOT SAY IF SYRIANS FIRED FIRST. WHAT WAS USE OF THOSE OBSERVERS? WHEN SITUATION WAS BAD ON JORDANIAN BORDER, ISRAEL SENT "MESSAGES THROUGH DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" REQUESTING THAT "FREE FOR ALL" SHOULD STOP. IT STOPPED. NOW, ISRAEL WAS GIVING WARNING SHE SUGGESTED I SHOULD CONVEY TO SYRIA - WHICH MEANT THAT ISRAELI DID NOT MEAN TROUBLE OTHERWISE SHE WOULD GIVE NO WARNING. WAS SYRIA LOOKING FOR TROUBLE?. SITUATION COULD NOT REPEAT NOT GO ON FOR MUCH LONGER. ISRAELIS, IF ATTACKED, SHOT BACK, AND ISRAEL FISHING MUST GO ON.

SHE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT RECEPTIVE TO MY SUGGESTION THAT UNMOS AT BUTEHA MIGHT NOT REPEAT NOT BE IN POSITION TO DETERMINE WHICH SIDE FIRED FIRST. SHE WAS NO MORE RECEPTIVE TO SUGGESTION OF REQUESTING ASSISTANCE OF UNMOS "IN ISRAEL TERRITORY" WHETHER ON LAND OR ON SEA OF GALILEE.

AT THIS MEETING I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO AIR SOME OF OUR COMPLAINTS INCLUDING MINING IN DZ. IN RELATION TO DZ SHE MAINTAINED RIGHT TO PROTECT ISRAELI SETTLERS BY FORTIFICATIONS OR MINES SINCE I "COULD NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR LIVES", AN ARGUMENT SHE HAD ALREADY USED WITH GENERAL BURNS. I POINTED OUT THAT SUCH MININGS BE DONE OUTSIDE DZ.

THERE WAS NO RESPONSE TO MY REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF COOPERATION IN MEETINGS ISRAEL/JORDAN MAC.

I ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF TRAVEL OF UNTSO TO AND FROM GAZA STRIP. I, FOR INSTANCE, AM PREVENTED BY ISRAEL FROM ENTERING BY ROAD. HER ANSWER WAS THAT MEASURES CONCERNING UNTSO WERE NOT REPEAT NOT DIRECTED AGAINST MEMBERS OF STAFF PERSONALLY, FOR WHOSE DIFFICULT TASK ISRAEL HAD SYMPATHY. SUCH MEASURES WERE CONNECTED WITH ISRAEL WELL KNOWN POSITION CONCERNING EGYPT-ISRAEL G.A.A. WHICH HAD BEEN CYNICALLY VIOLATED FOR YEARS BY EGYPT. SHE CONCLUDED SYRIANS SHOULD BE TOLD STOP FIRING./.

6/5/57

UNATIONS GENEVA
(text repeated Cordier)

SECRETARY GENERAL FROM LEARY.

RE YOUR 060741Z

- 1 - UN PLANE WILL MEET YOU BEIRUT ON YOUR ARRIVAL.
- 2 - FLIGHT TIME BEIRUT LYDDA ONE HOUR.
- 3 - ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ALL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
- 4 - WOULD PREFER IF YOU LANDED AT KALANDIA IN ORDER THAT ROAD TRAVEL TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE BE SHORTER AS A SECURITY MEASURE. IF FOR POLITICAL REASONS YOU CONSIDER ARRIVAL IN LYDDA PREFERABLE, I WILL APPROACH ISRAEL GOVERNMENT FOR ADEQUATE POLICE ROAD ESCORT.
- 5 - IF KALANDIA USED VISA ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE ON ARRIVAL ./.

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JERUSALEM
7/5/57

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SECRETARY GENERAL FROM LEARY.

A. YOUR ZEROSEVEN 1731Z CARRIED OUT.

B. PER YOUR ZEROSEVEN 1611Z FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE AGREED UPON ISRAEL FOREIGN OFFICE:

"TO BE RELEASED 12.00 GENEVA TIME, WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 1957.

Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General, United Nations, will arrive in Israel on Thursday, 9 May 1957.

He will be accompanied by:

Dr. Ralph Bunche, Under-Secretary, United Nations.

Mr. Claude de Kemoullaria, Personal Assistant to the Secretary-General

Mr. William Ranallo, Personal Aide."

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: LEARY JERUSALEM ; repeat CORDIER, NEWYORK FOR INFORMATION
FROM: SECGEN GENEVA
DATE: 6 May 1957
NUMBER:

IN SPIKE OF GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT CAUSED BY BOTH TONE AND SUBSTANCE BENGURION'S LATEST LETTER I FOLLOW THROUGH MY PLANNING AS WE ON UN SIDE CANNOT LEAVE UNTRIED ANY POSSIBILITY TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION IN THE AREA WHATEVER THE OBSTACLES PUT IN OUR WAY BY THOSE WHO SHOULD BE FIRST TO ASSIST IN SUCH EFFORTS. MRS MEIR'S STATEMENTS TO YOU ARE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF CONSISTENT POLICY OF CUTTING LOOSE FROM UN AND WHAT UN REPRESENTS. WE ARE NOT FORCING OURSELVES ON ANYBODY AND IN DISREGARDING SUCH EVIDENCE WE ARE ONLY FOLLOWING OUR OVERRIDING ~~EMMXX~~ DUTY IN RELATION TO WHAT IS REPRESENTED BY UN OF WHICH ISRAEL REMAINS A MEMBER. PARA. ON BASIS OBSERVATIONS ABOVE AND WITH RESERVE FOR LATER CHANGE IN SITUATION I INFORM YOU THAT THE FOUR OF US MENTIONED IN LETTER TO BENGURION WILL ARRIVE BEIRUT THURSDAY MORNING NINE MAY AT SEVENTWENTYFIVE AM BY FLIGHT SK EIGHTFOURTHREE. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR PLANE TO PICK US UP AT ONCE AND BRING US TO LYDDA. PLEASE INFORM ME WHEN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD BE LIKELY TO ARRIVE LYDDA. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE PLEASE ARRANGE FOR ALL FOUR TO STAY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE. WE GRATEFULLY ACCEPT ANY KIND OF CAMP CONDITIONS. UNDER PRESENT PLANS DEPARTURE SCHEDULED TO BE FROM BEIRUT SATURDAY MORNING STRAIGHT TO NEWYORK. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS PLAN. WOULD YOU HAVE STRONG REASONS FOR ADVISING TRANSFER ARRIVAL TO CALUNDIA SUCH TRANSFER WOULD RAISE QUESTION OF JORDAN VISA WHICH CAN BE ARRANGED ONLY PARIS OR ROME AND THEREFORE TAKES SOME TIME. PARA. FOR TIME BEING THERE IS NO MESSAGE FROM ME TO ISRAEL GOVERNMENT. CONFIRMATION OF VISIT WILL BE TRANSMITTED VIA YOU SOMEWHAT LATER. YOU MAY EXPECT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS TOMORROW.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: LEARY JERUSALEM ; REPEAT CORDIER NEWYORK FOR INFORMATION
FROM: SECGEN GENEVA
DATE: 7 May 1957
NUMBER:

I REFER TO PREVIOUS MESSAGE TODAY. I PROPOSE THAT YOU SUGGEST TO FOREIGN OFFICE THAT THEY AGREE FLAT PUBLICATION OF FACT THAT I GO TO JERUSALEM TO BE RELEASED AT NOON GENEVA TIME WEDNESDAY EIGHT MAY. THE STATEMENT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE NAMES ON PARTY. PLEASE CONFIRM. WE INFORM NEWYORK ACCORDINGLY.