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From Sec. Gen. to Piero P. Spinelli - Amman, Jordan

L 179: 106a

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI AMMAN

FROM: TO: SPINELLI AMMAN

FROM: SECGEN

DATE: 16 January 1959

NUMBER 7

MOST IMMEDIATE

Following three paragraphs are quotes from my message cabled today to Fawzi:

Reur SP-13.

"In spite of the results of our talks I find to my regret that in some respects our difficulties continue. Here I have to raise with you urgently one continued difficulties for passage through Syrian territory of

Jordanian oil-trucks, I wish to have this information in preparation of demarche I intend to make tomorrow in compliance with Cairo's expressive wish to be fully and quickly informed of any complications contrary to their statement.

The answer given by those officials has always been that "the matter is under consideration". They have given no indication as to when it may be settled. A similar stand seems to have been taken by the Syrian member of the BAR Delegation to the Economic Council of the Arab League in Cairo, when he admitted that there was a delay, but stated that this delay was due to the fact that the Syrian authorities.

resident, you understood the point beyond the 'keep-body' continued existence of ed to you. More than two months have now passed after the promise was given by Cairo that there would not be any obstacles to oil transit, but still the matter is said, by the Syrian authorities, to be under consideration. I may guess what the trouble may be, but I find very difficult to explain to others what has the outer appearance of a failure to follow through on a clear commitment. I feel sure that you would like to look into the matter again, so as to avoid the atmosphere so irritatingly being disturbed by the buzzing of this small fly.

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You may refer to this demarche as you see fit.

Code cables 1959

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI AMMAN

FROM: SECCHEN

MOST IMMEDIATE

DATE: 16 January 1959

NUMBER 7

Reur SF-13.

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OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI AMMAN

FROM: SEGGEN

DATE: 17 January 1959

NUMBER: 8

Following three paragraphs are quotes from my message cabled today to Fawzi:

"In spite of the results of our talks I find to my regret that in some respects our difficulties continue. Here I have to raise with you urgently one point regarding which, in fact, you asked me to keep you fully informed. I refer to the transit of oil trucks to Jordan. An official statement of mine to the effect that you had conveyed^{ed} to me the information that all the difficulties had been overcome, was, as you will remember, sent to Amman on 6 January with your approval. In subsequent telephonic contacts that the Jordan authorities and the United Petrol Company have had during the last ten days with Damascus officials, the answer given by these officials has always been that "the matter is under consideration". They have given no indication as to when it may be settled. A similar stand seems to have been taken by the Syrian member of the UAR Delegation to the Economic Council of the Arab League in Cairo, when he admitted that there was a delay, but stated that this delay was due to the fact that the matter still needed practical consideration by the Syrian authorities.

"In the light of our discussions, also with the President, you understand that I am disappointed. The later developments seem to point beyond the 'busy-body' reactions of officials down the line and indicate the continued existence of real difficulties, contrary to the information conveyed to you. More than two months have now passed after the promise was given by Cairo that there would not be any obstacles to oil transit, but still the matter is said, by the Syrian authorities, to be under consideration. I may guess what the trouble may be, but I find very difficult to explain to others what has the outer appearance of a failure to follow through on a clear commitment. I feel sure that you would like to look into the matter again, so as to avoid the atmosphere so irritatingly being disturbed by the buzzing of this small fly.

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You may refer to this demarche as you see fit.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO : SPINELLI, AMMAN
FROM : BUNCHE
DATE : 21 January 1959
NO: 10

Have today raised with UAR Representative question of how best to proceed in implementing agreement with Cairo on Damascus Communication Office. Our procedural preference would be for direct consultation between UN Headquarters and UAR Delegation. Basis of our approach would be your draft Aide-Memoire and draft letter to Oweini of 1 December, with some modification. Will keep you advised.

cc: ~~SG~~
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TOP SECRET

TO: SPINELLI AMMAN
 FROM: SECCEN
 DATE: 2 FEBRUARY 1959
 NO.: 13

You will remember that Rifa'i indicated about this time as dead-line for his efforts to avoid re-opening plot story by public criminal proceedings. Have you any news on situation in this respect? Naturally I cannot turn up with any new improvements in support of a policy of restraint. The hard facts regarding present relations with UAR with the considerable improvements they show, will have to suffice. A visit by Hassouna and similar additional steps towards normalization are within range of possibilities but cannot be produced out of a hat.

Needless to say that I very strongly hope criminal law-suit will not be opened. Dependent upon your comments I may send ~~me~~ Rifa'i personal message to that effect.

cc: ~~SG~~
 Mr. Cordier
 Dr. Bunche

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPIRELLI AMMAN
FROM: SECGEN
DATE: 5 FEBRUARY 1959
NO.: 14

Re SP 24. Thank you for detailed information on King's trip. Please transmit my thanks to Rifai and tell him that under present plans I would hope to get back from major trip before his departure on 2 April and that I would be in New York during the time of the King's visit 14 - 17 April.

I warmly hope that Rifai will keep an evening free for me to arrange a dinner. I suggest 1 April with the reservation that my travel plans may interfere.

Likewise I wish to extend to His Majesty through Mr. Rifai already now a warm invitation to official dinner in the United Nations the evening that would suit him best. I would regard acceptance of this dinner invitation as a great privilege and pleasure and hope that His Majesty, in view of close contact, will give me priority in relation to many competing suggestions which undoubtedly will be made.

I would appreciate it if I could be informed through you at an early date whether these two dinners will be fitted into the programs so as to enable me to make arrangements in good time before my departure around 1 March.

cc: SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI AMMAN

FROM: BEGEN

DATE: 9 FEBRUARY 1959

No.: 16

16 April most suitable. Please confirm this date as agreed for dinner and visit by King. I likewise confirm invitation to Rifai for 1 April.

cc: ~~SG~~
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI, AMMAN
FROM: SECRETARY-GENERAL
DATE: 21 February 1959
NUMBER: 21

I ~~would~~ feel that it would be a good idea for you to ^{Come} to New York for reporting around the middle of April so that you would be here at the time of the King's visit and could take part in the dinner. This might be the occasion for us to reach an agreement on the winding up of the mission, especially if the ground has been prepared with Rifai. In that context I envisage that you might wish to stop over in Geneva for some time before or after your visit to Headquarters.

In order to give the proper political value in our joint enterprise to the dinner ^{for} the King, it would be my intention to make it white tie and decorations. You may wish to hint that to Rifai.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

IH:dg

TO: Spinelli, Assan
FROM: Secretary-General
DATE: 24 February 1959
NUMBER: 22

Reur 33. We note your plans and welcome you here in April.

We have no ideas on the procedure and timing of the winding up of the Mission. My intention was to sound out ^{Rifal's} ~~his~~ views when he comes here at the end of March so as to have an opinion on the matter when we see the King later in ~~the month~~. ^{APRIL.} Were you to take the matter up with ~~Rifal~~, I think you might do it by just asking for his opinion, indicating that it is possible that this will be a matter we might wish to study jointly on his arrival in New York.

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OF MESSAGE DISPATCHED

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AMMAN =

54 SPINELLI UPI CARRIES STORY FROM JORDAN ACCORDING TO WHICH
JORDAN CHARGED TODAY THAT 500 SYRIAN CIVILIANS GMA SOLDIERS
AND POPULAR RESISTANCE CORPS PARTISANS CROSSED INTO JORDAN AND
STAGED AN HOURS DASH LONG GUN DASH BATTLE WITH JORDANIAN FORCES STOP
I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS =

SECRETARYGENERAL +

CFM 54 500 +

UNITED NATIONS
1959 APR 24 PM 6:59
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UPI-89-A

(JORDAN)

AMMAN--JORDAN CHARGED TODAY THAT 500 SYRIAN CIVILIANS, SOLDIERS AND POPULAR RESISTANCE CORPS PARTISANS CROSSED INTO JORDAN AND STAGED AN HOURS-LONG GUN-BATTLE WITH JORDANIAN FORCES.

THE SYRIANS WITHDREW WHEN JORDANIAN REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED LAST NIGHT AT THE SCENE OF THE FIGHTING ON JORDAN'S NORTHERN BORDERS, AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.

IT SAID TWO SYRIAN WOUNDED WERE LEFT BEHIND AND WERE BROUGHT BY JORDANIAN TROOPS TO MAFRAQ IN NORTHERN TRANSJORDAN FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

AFTER THE ALLEGED BORDER CROSSING, THE SYRIANS BEGAN SHOOTING AT TWO JORDANIAN SOLDIERS WHO RETURNED THE FIRE, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.

IT SAID THE SKIRMISH LASTED FOR HOURS AND WAS ENDED BY SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL.

4/24--EG222P

CI/as

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SHORE, AMMAN
FROM: FIELDSERV
DATE: 17 MARCH 1959
NUMBER: 41

Evangelou and Holt have fixed-term appointments with at least two years service by first July 1959. By end April, and in consultation with UNTSO, advise whether in your opinion performance of staff members warrants Probationary Appointments for eventual granting of Permanent Appointments. Periodic Reports required through 30 December 1958.

cc: SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche
CC: Mr. Serge Michel

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI, AMMAN
FROM: BUNCHE
DATE: 3 March 1959
NO: 29

Reference your letter of 23 February

1. Damascus Communication Office being pressed but still awaiting Cairo reaction to detailed proposal. I concur in your appraisal of its significance.
2. I agree fully with your suggestion in para 3 concerning tour-expiring personnel.
3. Your specific observations concerning personnel in para 5 are noted and will be kept in mind.
4. Concerning per diem, Controller agrees postponing implementation monthly mission allowance system until end of April. During March and April mission per diem rates as established in McCaw's memo transmitted with Administrative Report No.4 on 29 January should be applied to all staff. McCaw's letter to you of 20 February deals with Shore matter.

cc: SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche
Mr. McCaw

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: Shere, ISAYLONE AMMAN

FROM: FIELDSEV

DATE: 4 March 1959

NUMBER: 3/

From Hayward for Ashraf. Would appreciate receiving technical
(International Grading System)
reception report in Bippo code for several consecutive days on Arabic
transmission broadcast ^{dgiby} by Italian shortwave service to Middle East from
1920 to 1955 GMT on 11810 KCS 9575 KCS 6010 KCS:

cc: SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche
Mr. Lansky

OUTGOING CODE CABLE
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AKC:dg

TO: Spinelli, Amman
FROM: Cordier
DATE: 5 March 1959
NUMBER: 32

After contacting delegations to be invited to dinner given by Secgen for King Hussein on April sixteenth it was discovered that many of them had already made arrangements to attend the gala opening of the Bolshoi ballet at the Met Opera. In checking further with New York City authorities and the State Department it was found that the previous night was open and would be more generally acceptable to all those whom the Secretary-General ~~requested~~^{wished} to invite. In these circumstances Secgen would be grateful if you would contact Hifai or the King to enquire whether His Majesty would graciously accept Secgen's invitation to dinner April fifteenth instead of April sixteenth. Warm regards.

cc: ~~SG~~
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI, AMMAN
FROM: CORDIER
DATE: 9 MARCH 1959
NO: 34

Re my 30, Moe now proceeding 10 March direct to Beirut and can be available to Rifai any time from 13 March. Please repeat your reply this message to Moe care of Carver UNRWA Beirut.

cc: SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

RUSH

CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI, AMMAN
FROM: CORDIER
DATE: 10 MARCH 1959
NO: 35

Please disregard my 34 unless earlier dates more convenient for Rifai. Moe will probably arrive Amman by UNRWA plane morning 16th unless you suggest earlier date to him in Beirut. He will advise exact ETA from Beirut and request assistance re entrance formalities.

cc: ~~SG~~
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

AWC:dg

TO: Spinelli, Amman
FROM: Cordier
DATE: 12 March 1959
NUMBER: 38

On Seegen's tentative list of invitations for the dinner ^{at his home} in honor of
Rifai on 1 April he has included among ^{the Twelve} others the Permanent Representatives
of the US, UK, Italy and France. Assume absence diplomatic relations France
Jordan would not embarrass Prime Minister presence French representative.

cc: SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI AMMAN

FROM: SECCHI

DATE: 29 April 1959

NUMBER: 55

Your 76.

I hope this represents not only Rifai's but Jordan's final ~~statement~~ stand. Hussein, whose reaction you know, took extraordinary step of asking British to support demand for indefinite continuation of mission. I explained to British Delegation what situation was with Rifai, ^{and} what I said to King to which I will stick. As you know, we pressed Egyptians for signature agreements and are likely to get it, but neither Hussein nor Rifai will force us to spend money on offices which would be sheer mockery.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI AMMAN

FROM: SEEGEN

DATE: 1 May 1959

NUMBER: 58

You may know that I had promised to seek additional guarantees for King's overflight. Cable ^{on matter} from Abdul Monem Rifai ^{, dated 20 April,} follows:

"I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your telegram which I received upon our arrival in London yesterday April 19 regarding forthcoming overflight. I have submitted telegram to His Majesty and I telephone the contents to his Excellency Sami Dasha in Amman. We agree with Your Excellency's views that we should secure the clearance first ourselves, and once we secured the clearance we shall inform Your Excellency of date and flight number so that you would secure the assurances required by Your Excellency. ~~His Majesty has ordered me to convey to Your Excellency his thanks for your effort in this regard. Please accept renewed assurances of my highest considerations.~~"

After having learned that no overflight will take place, as King will go to Jordan some other way, I would for the sake of good order consider it appropriate to receive formal communication to that effect, cancelling previous agreement.

OUTGLING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI GENEVA

FROM: SEGGEN

DATE: 5 June 1959

NUMBER:

Rear 1250

This is very surprising development. Happy you go there at once.
Look forward your early advice regarding possible background and Jordan
reaction in view of possible steps from me on the other side.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TOP SECRET

TO: SPINELLI AMMAN
FROM: SECGEN
DATE: 10 June 1959
NUMBER: 69

Reur cables border closing, specifically 93-95.

I have today received letter from Fawzi, para of which is transmitted by regular code. I understand this para, which is in personal letter on first-name basis, to be inserted as counter-weight to written presentation which Jordan is supposed to have made to me. Short of this misunderstanding of Jordan demarche as publicised, I do not believe that Egypt would have gone on record with this version of the story. It does not add anything to picture you have given of Syrian view.

Mildly disquieting is fact that Fawzi adds para which links the criticised Jordan policy to Israel seizure of ship and to recent air incident, with subtle innuendo that all may form part of picture with roots in London. This is amusing counterpart to Jordan's lurking fear that Cairo may play under table with England.

Would appreciate your comments, if any. I shall pouch personal notes on talks with Jordan Ambassador.

I frankly fail to see what other action I could take than/ to tell all boys to keep quiet and settle local problems locally. Have you any suggestions for further action in view of Jordan's somewhat inarticulate hopes for intervention?

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI AMMAN

FROM: SECGEN

DATE: 10 June 1959

NUMBER: 70

~~for cable office:~~ (for cable office:
please give this cable
number following the
top secret cable to
Spinelli)

Text of paragraph in personal letter from Fawzi follows for your information:

"It is a pity indeed that while this trend is taking place, and while the UAR relations with Lebanon are steadily and most substantially improving, as witness, among other things, the conclusion two days ago of an important economic agreement between the two countries, the behaviour of the Jordanian authorities especially with regard to the Syrian region of the UAR has been increasingly hostile and seriously lacking in sense of responsibility. Their action included repeated violations of UAR frontiers at the Syrian Region and attacks on individuals and properties. The least we could do in the circumstances has been to temporarily close the frontiers and thus foreclose an otherwise inevitable and grave deterioration of the situation, particularly that the inhabitants in the Syrian Region could not reasonably be expected to remain passive forever. It is appropriate to note parallel to this that Jordan has been violating previous agreements by preventing Syrian owners of land within its territory from entering to attend their property and that at the same time in relation to transit matters the Jordanian authorities have refused to hold meetings with our authorities in the Syrian Region".

12 June 1959

Dear Spinelli,

.....

Enclosed please find the original of the Aide
Memoire. You may wish to give it to the Foreign Minister
in confirmation of the demarche you have already under-
taken on the basis of my cable.

Dag Hammarskjöld

Ambassador P.P. Spinelli,
Amman, Jordan.

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI AM-MAN

FROM: SECGEN

DATE: 12 June 1959

NUMBER: 74.

Please transmit, tomorrow, following message to Jordan Government. Copy has been given to Abdul Monem Rifai, who prefers transmittal through you. The original will in due time arrive by pouch.

Text follows:

AIDE MEMOIRE

Through Ambassador Spinelli, and directly from the two Governments concerned, the Secretary-General has received information regarding the circumstances under which the border between the Syrian region and Jordan was recently closed to certain traffic by the United Arab Republic. The Secretary-General notes with regret these difficulties which represent a certain set-back in the desired development under General Assembly resolution 1237 of August 1958.

It is not the intention of the Secretary-General in this message to deal with any question of substance. In line with his mandate under the said resolution, the Secretary-General feels, however, entitled to appeal to the Governments concerned to take all measures to overcome the present dispute. If it would be of assistance the Secretary-General would be happy to try to facilitate arrangements for a meeting at the local level and to be at the disposal of the Governments for any other steps which might be helpful.

The Secretary-General would hope that this initiative would lead to a reopening of the border which obviously would facilitate a solution of such other difficulties as may exist.

The Secretary-General concludes by reiterating his appeal for speedy steps in order to restore normal border conditions, and he expresses his firm hope that efforts in that direction will receive full cooperation in line with the policy of good neighbourly relations to which the Arab Governments have jointly dedicated themselves.

An identical communication is addressed to the Government of the United Arab Republic.

12 June 1959

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

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FROM: SECGEN

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NUMBER: 74

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Text follows:

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI, AMMAN
FROM: SECRETARY-GENERAL
DATE: 13 JUNE 1959
NUMBER: 76

Reur 101

I gave Rifai copy of aide memoire at the time when I called it to you for transmittal in accordance with Rifai's own request. Obviously he has communicated with Amman on basis of copy as he has informed me this afternoon of "their reply" which is to effect that they are always willing to meet but would not do so until border is reopened (sic). Of course shall carry through demarche and their reply to me should be given to you irrespective of this interlude.

cc: SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO : SPINELLI, AMMAN
FROM : SECRETARY-GENERAL
DATE : 23 JUNE 1959
NUMBER :

80

Re your 116. My present intention is to go straight from Copenhagen to Cairo 30th June, ^{and} to go from Cairo to Geneva 3rd July. Thus I do not intend to visit Amman. I will not find opportunity to see you in Geneva before going to Cairo.

Regarding your return to Geneva I trust your judgment and therefore think that you should do as you suggest. However, I am puzzled by your reference to continue ^{dy} stay in present circumstances as "psychologically undesirable". Would you care to elaborate.

~~cc:~~ SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPIRELLI AMMAN

FROM: SECGEN

DATE: 24 June 1959

NUMBER: 82

Reur 117.

Reast Best opportunity would be Rome, where I shall arrive
Tuesday, 30 June, flight SK 681, 1.40 pm, leaving therefor Cairo
TWA 800, 2.30 pm.

cc: SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

TOP SECRET

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO The Secretary-General
Malmo, Sweden

FROM Cordier

DATE 27 June 1959

NUMBER 2

You have received Fawzi reply on border issues. Alleges closing required by incidents. Agrees to meeting any time place with view of opening border and of taking measures along border which would prevent the recurrence of incident. Because of latter need would appreciate use your good offices.

cc: SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

OUTING CODE CABLE

TO : SPINELLI, AMMAN
FROM : CORDIER
DATE : 28 JUNE 1959
NUMBER: 83

The Secgen has received reply from other party regarding border issue. Alleges as previously reported to Secgen that border was closed because of incidents from other side. However, expresses willingness to join in a meeting of competent authorities with view opening border and establishing arrangements for quiet along border thereafter. Party further requests Secgen to use his good offices to bring about such a meeting.

After reporting above to Secgen in Sweden he has asked me to ask you to approach Jordan authorities on question convening meeting and then report to him at Rome.

cc: SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

IMMEDIATE

TO : SECGEN
PAROMNIPRESS COPENHAGEN (Denmark)

FROM : CORDIER

DATE : 29 JUNE 1959

NUMBER: 5

You have been officially informed by Hussein Aoueini, Minister for Foreign Affairs Lebanon, that Government has no objection installation Beirut of United Nations communication officer and that necessary facilities will be accorded him.

cc: ~~SG~~
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO : BECCEN, OMNIPRESS
COPENHAGEN

FROM: CORDIER

DATE: 29 June 1959

No. 4

Have received following cable from Shore on Jordan position:

"Reur 83. In Spinelli's absence, who left Amman yesterday, I saw Prime Minister this morning. Jordan's position is as follows: Primo. They are willing to have meetings with competent other party authorities and have no objection to these being held under UN auspices if other party also wants it that way. Secundo. However, Jordanians absolutely insist upon their previously stated position, namely, that border must be opened simultaneously with the beginning of first meeting. Tertio. They want first meeting to take place at border. While they are willing to meet at any level, they feel it preferable to have first meeting take place between the two governors. Quarto. If additional meetings are necessary, Jordan is willing invite other party come to Irbid, but at same time themselves have no objection to go to Deraa, if other party insists. A third meeting could then be held either at Deraa or Irbid, but different from site chosen for second meeting. Jordanians do this, they say, to show spirit of compromise and goodwill. Second and third meetings could be held at any level. However, they feel one meeting might be able settle whole matter."

cc: SO
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO : SECMEN, GENEVA

FROM : BUNCHE

DATE : 14 July 1959

NO: 34

cc: ~~SC~~
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

Loutfi on afternoon fourteenth delivered following message from Fawsi, dated Cairo thirteenth, for transmission to you. Text follows:

" I have not been able to write to you before this moment in relation to your message of July 6th, 1959.

Before doing so I wish to express to you once more how glad we have been to see you again in Cairo and look with you into various things. It is our hope that we shall have this pleasure again on some early occasion.

You have already had our assurance regarding our desire to reopen the border between this country and Jordan. Such remains to be our feeling about this matter. At the same time prudence counsels the avoiding of reopening the border without adequate precautions being taken for the purpose of foreclosing the possibility of a recurrence of incidents. This - as you will recall - is the natural reason we have considered it appropriate to go through certain processes with a view to insuring that the reopening of the border will be really for everybody's good and not a mere prelude to real and uncalled for

difficulties.

We are in the meantime giving many facilities in order to alleviate substantially the hardships caused by the closing of the border. I received two days ago a message of which I assume you are aware from Burns informing me that Spinelli will leave Geneva Monday afternoon 13th July. In this relation, the tapering off of Spinelli's mission would be a good sign as well as a pointer to a return to normalcy in our relations with Jordan. Another such pointer is likely to be the imminent visit by Hassouna to Amman. Furthermore, the establishment of diplomatic relations between Amman and Cairo might not be far away if untoward new happenings do not take place and provided of course that the required step be taken at the proper time and in the proper direction."

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI AMGEN

FROM: SECGEN

DATE: 27 July 1959

NUMBER: 88

Reur 137.

In view of your observations I will send tomorrow to Fawzi the following message unless you find reason for other line of policy or for changes of text. Please reply urgently. Message follows: "(attached...)".

Puzzled by cable in Times this morning, with Cairo dateline, stating that border has been reopened.

New subject. Regarding your own travel plans I feel that we should wait a few days more before we decide. That would seem to correspond with your own view. Grateful for your offer to stay if necessary, but I would regret very much if you had to change your plans.

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UNITED NATIONS
1959 JUL 29 PM 7:59
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AMMAN =

90 SPINELLI FROM SECGEN STOP SHARE SATISFACTION WHICH YOU MUST
FEEL STOP HOPE THIS OPENS THE DOOR ALSO FOR YOU PERSONALLY
STOP GREETINGS +

CFM 90 +

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

AWC:dg

TO: Spinelli, Geneva

FROM: Cordier

DATE: 2 September 1959

NUMBER: 1670

Secgen agrees in reply your query that you make report with recommendations regarding fading out mission while preserving principle of UN presence.

~~cc:~~ SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche



OUTGOING CABLE

DR:dg

TOP SECRET

TO: Spinelli, Geneva
FROM: Secretary-General
DATE: 8 September 1959
NUMBER: 1695

Thanks letter August twentyeighth received on my return New York.

I find it difficult to reply to question raised before talks with Selwyn Lloyd, Rifai and Fawzi next week or so. I agree in principle with your idea of physical disappearance between mid-October and mid-November but do not see yet how to reconcile this with maintenance of principle of UN presence in Middle East. Something visible and tangible should be left, even if nothing more than an office. However I am still not clear on the concept of "presence" and this is the reason for my wish to have consultations before going any further.

PERSONAL AND
CONFIDENTIAL

12 October 1959

Dear Piero,

Thank you for your letter of 2 October and your subsequent messages.

I am in entire agreement with you that "the period of liquidation might be made a little longer than was first envisaged." Sensitivities in Amman still seem to remain rather high. It was a good thing, for example, that you happened to be present when the idea was developing for the placement of armed units on the Iraqi border. Of course, if one were to try to cover such errors of judgment until they cease, your presence would be required indefinitely. It appears, in any case, that you ought to be available for a somewhat longer period of time for short visits, than we anticipated some months ago.

It might be desirable for you to send me your current views as to the phasing out or reduction of the mission, taking into account your most recent conversations with top officials in Amman.

Dag Hammarskjold,
Secretary-General

Mr. Pier P. Spinelli,
Director,
European Office of the United Nations,
Geneva, Switzerland

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SHORE, ABRAHAM
FROM: FIELDSTEV
DATED: 19 OCTOBER 1959
NUMBER: 120

Your 195, concur with arrangement outlined your letter of 16 October which appears to be in accordance with paragraph nine of lease contract.

cc: ~~SC~~
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche
Mr. Vaughan
Mr. Lansky

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SHORE, AMMAN cc: VAN WIJK, JERUSALEM
FROM: FIELDERRY
DATED: 19 October 1959
 Jerusalem - 536
 Amman - 119
NUMBER: Jerusalem - 536

Your 192, authorize release Bourgois on understanding outlined
by you. Your 193, arrangement ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ for office hours acceptable providing Spinelli concurs,
therefore you may release Van Dijk.

cc: SG
 Mr. Cordier
 Dr. Bunche
 Mr. Vaughan
 Mr. Lansky
 Mr. Hamilton

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

FF/bj

TO: SHORE, ANMAN
FROM: FIELDSERVICE
DATE: 28 OCTOBER 1959
NUMBER: 123

Your 198 Since uncertain at this time whether Allard will be replaced pending final decision on future Conakry post, we suggest Charlebois follow her original plans for return to New York and home leave. We will discuss possibility future assignment during her stopover New York.

cc: SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche
Mr. Vaughan
Mr. Lansky
Mr. Hamilton

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OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI GENEVA

FROM: SECGEN

DATE: 29 October 1959

NUMBER: 1999

I am sure you follow developments Jordan-Iraq, etc., and that you remain in touch with Amman. Your help may be needed but you are a better judge than I.
Greetings.

cc: ~~SG~~
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI, GENEVA
FROM: BUNCHE
DATE: 15 December 1959
NO: 2226

Reference UNGVA 2294. In pursuance arrangement agreed when you were here, I will arrive Cairo from West Africa on evening of 9 January and will depart for Nairobi via Khartoum on evening of 10 January.

cc: SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO : NAGORSKI, AMMAN
FROM: CORDIER
DATE: 16 December 1959
NO. 136

Reference your unnumbered cables to Secgen, Heurtematte and Orlic. Secgen fully understands embarrassing position in which you find yourself. In circumstances you are authorized to accept award as Government's recognition of TAO assistance. You may tell Government that Secgen deeply appreciates their gesture in making award. You could then follow course indicated in last sentence your cable 14 December.

I take this occasion to add our own congratulations on your work.

cc: SG
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche
Mr. Heurtematte
Mr. Orlic

OUTGOING CODE CABLE

TO: SPINELLI, GENEVA

FROM: BUNCHE

DATE: 24 December 1959

NUMBER: 2274

Reference UNOVA 2346. Am staying at Shepherds.

cc: ~~SG~~
Mr. Cordier
Dr. Bunche