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From Mahmoud Fawzi - to D.H. (Secretary-
Gen.)

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Scanning the present horizons of this Arab part of the world, one finds discernible, through occasional little noises and excitement laden air, an anxiousness to accomplish more and to attain higher aims, in a sane and commonsense atmosphere of brotherhood and get-togetherness.

The items you referred to are all taken care of as far as Cairo is concerned, and a serious effort is constantly made by this Capital to dispel any doubts and remedy any setbacks which might have occurred, or rather have been imagined, in their regard. With that in view, the question, for example, of transit through the Syrian region has been taken up again and is furthermore expected to be in a few days the subject of talks between the various interested countries with the intent of establishing together, in a finalised form, a fair and workable arrangement.

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Cairo, 29th. April 1959.

Dear Dag,

At long last and to my great pleasure I am able to write to you upon my returning from a short holiday at the Red Sea.

I was happy to see Ralph and to find him in good health. I am sure he has already informed you of our talks.

I take it also that Van Horn has informed you about the agreement reached with him relating to the marking of some parts of the Armistice Demarcation line at the Syrian Region.

Our stand in connection with the cargo of the two ships chartered to Israel does not mean any change in our policy or attitude with regard to navigation in the Suez Canal.

As for the presence of Palestinian troops in the Gaza strip, it is for impelling security reasons besides its being an exercise of our exclusive rule there; and, I trust that efforts will be successfully exerted by our Authorities and the Unef in order to ensure the maintenance of harmony between them and avoid unnecessary friction.

I would like, furthermore, and with reference to previous correspondence and talks including the recent one with Ralph, to reaffirm that the Government of the UAR has no objection to the stationing in Damascus of a United Nations Officer for Communications with the U.N. Office in Amman.

I am very happy that I shall be able to meet you in Switzerland, and am planning to leave Cairo not later than May seventh and to stay in Switzerland probably until the tenth afternoon. I shall inform you of my exact whereabouts as soon as they are decided.

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I am glad to note that you consider your talk with Selwyn on shared problems has brought you both a bit forward.

I am sending you separately two letters in answer to yours of 19th. May 1959, relating to communications with the United Nations Office in Amman and the two cargos which have been confiscated, and I hope that you will find them adequate, especially with the added which I have asked Loutfy to make to you.

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27th. May 1959.

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As for the rules which exist at present or may be elaborated in future by the U.A.R. regarding transit through the Canal and intended to provide the necessary safeguards for security and good order, I wish to stress that it is our constant determination that such rules be in strict keeping with our commitments, as we have already declared and as we shall reiterate in future at the suitable moment.

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