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"Doron" case - 1957/58

Fawzi, Mahmoud (Foreign Minister of
Egypt)

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PERMANENT MISSION OF EGYPT
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, 14/10/57

Dear Dag,

I hope you had a pleasant and restful weekend. Am still pondering the various basic matters which we talked about on Friday, including the meeting with the Arab representatives.

Regarding the Israeli boat, I wish to add: that the representatives of the Red Cross visited Abbas Sidki (Gohar's assistant) who told them that Mac representatives would at any time be welcome to meet the crew; and that, on the other hand and as a road bloc, there is the question I already mentioned to you of the Egyptian boat "Defabis" (Tonn. 225; crew 9; passengers 3)

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Cordial greetings,

Mahmoud



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Permanent Mission of Egypt
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Letter from the Foreign Minister
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14 October 1957

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PERMANENT MISSION OF EGYPT
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, December 10, 1957

PERSONAL

Dear Dag,

Please accept my thanks for sending me the internal memorandum on the findings of the United Nations Observers in the case of the "Doron".

With my best regards,

Mahmoud



PERMANENT MISSION OF EGYPT
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, January 22, 1958

PERSONAL

Dear Dag

After referring to the President the message you adressed to him on the fourteenth inst, I am able to inform you that the matter you mentioned in your letter to me , with which the message was enclosed, is moving. AS a first step , the crew will forthwith be released and handed over.

Warmest regards.

(Mahmoud)

5 November 1957

Your Excellency,

On various occasions I have had an opportunity to discuss with you the question of the release of the Israel fishing vessel Doron which has been seized by the Egyptian authorities.

By letter of 28 October I have received from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations a request "formally to convey to the Government of Egypt the Israel Government's demand that the Doron and her crew of six men be released forthwith".

In transmitting to you this message, I wish to reiterate my hope that the Government of Egypt, as a contribution to an improvement of conditions, will see its way to an early solution of this problem. Although it may seem of relatively lesser significance in the general context, I attach, as you know, considerable importance to it as, irrespective of the possible legal merits of the case, it reflects on the general attitudes in a way detrimental to present efforts.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Immediately after learning of the Egyptian seizure of the Israeli fishing vessel "Doron" on 23 September 1957, the Secretary-General of the United Nations took the matter up with the Egyptian Delegation to the United Nations with a view to ensuring access for United Nations representatives to the crew members and achieving a speedy release and return of the vessel and its crew to Israel. Access to the crew for United Nations observers was arranged at an early stage and the matter was investigated by United Nations representatives. Efforts to achieve release of the ship have been pursued in numerous contacts, in the course of which the Secretary-General has transmitted, with his personal endorsement, the request of the Government of Israel that the vessel be released forthwith. The Government of Egypt has asserted that Israel authorities have seized an Egyptian vessel and request its release. This charge has been categorically denied by the Government of Israel but is maintained by the Government of Egypt.

9 November 1957

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

I failed to bring the matter we talked about up with you before 11 o'clock and later I have not been able to find you. Therefore, knowing that I shall see you tonight, I send you the text I would like to give to your neighbours, as a statement for public quotation if necessary, hoping that you will be able to give me your reaction when we meet.

His Excellency,
Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi,
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt,
Ambassador Hotel,
New York, N.Y.

10 December 1957

PERSONAL

Dear Mahmoud,

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Referring to our talk on Sunday I send you herewith an internal memorandum on the findings of our observers in the case of the "Doron".

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Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt,
New York, N.Y.

14 January 1958

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HIS EXCELLENCY
DR MAHMOUD FAWZI
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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CAIRO (EGYPT)

2 PERSONAL WOULD YOU SEE ANY POSSIBILITY OF GIVING ME REACTION
TO MY LETTERS OF FOURTEEN JANUARY BY TOMORROW STOP I FEAR THAT
LONGER DELAY MAY INTRODUCE NEW ELEMENT WHICH MAY BLOCK ROAD TO
CLEAN SOLUTION FOR QUITE SOME

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TIME AHEAD STOP SORRY TO BE EAGER BUT I AM ACTING IN USUAL
SPIRIT STOP WARM REGARDS

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22 January 1958

PERSONAL

Dear Mahmoud,

I have received this morning your good letter with the most helpful news. I hope I could use them in time to forestall an impression that your decision was taken under public pressure from another party.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the attitude you have taken, with a strong conviction that it will help us in the right direction on the major issues. I have immediately instructed Burns to appeal to the Israel authorities for the release forthwith of the crew of the Egyptian fishing vessel seized a short time ago North of Gaza.

Before long I shall inform you about the latest development concerning the question which is in the forefront of our mutual interest. I believe that it has got off to a reasonably good diplomatic start, while remaining aware of the great risk involved in leaks provoking a premature public discussion.

With warm personal regards,

Dag Hammarskjöld

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Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi,
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