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Jerusalem Parade - 1958

22 April

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TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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Text of letter from
Ambassador Eban to
the Secretary-General

Washington,
22 April 1958

"Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

Since I spoke to you this morning I have been in constant touch with Jerusalem in connection with the Independence Day Parade, and spoke last at 6 p.m. I am authorized to make clear: First, that the armored vehicles involved will not be armed nor will they be in the vicinity of the armistice frontier. Second, that it has been fully understood at all times that after the April 24 parade there will be an immediate return to the status quo ante.

Should I receive further information by tomorrow I shall be in touch with you again.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)..... Abba Eban"

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
TRANSMITTED THROUGH MAJOR-GENERAL VON HORN,
CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUCE
SUPERVISION ORGANIZATION, JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, 22 April 1958

It is not the first year that our Independence Day parade is being held in Jerusalem. Two months ago we informed the Jordanians of our plans. Not a single weapon in the parade is equipped with ammunition, nor will there be any heavy weapons close to the Armistice line. To my great surprise I have learned that the Representatives of the UN here are contributing unnecessary tension concerning this parade. We understand that there is also contact on this question between the UN Secretariat and the US Department of State.

I am constrained to express to you my great astonishment and profound disappointment at this attitude of the UN. I am not aware of any determined action by the UN Secretariat with respect to Jordan's violation of Article VIII of the General Armistice Agreement and Egypt's refusal to comply with Security Council decisions. How activities by UN representatives in the name of baseless formalism tend to mar the celebrations of our Nation. The celebrations will take place as planned, and should the Government of Jordan disturb the peace, the UN Representatives will this time bear full moral responsibility.

I urge you not to permit the creation of unnecessary and unjustified panic and tension.

With respect and friendship.

David Ben-Gurion.