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- Message from M. Sharett, Israel
- Conversation D.H. - Ben Gurion

- Message from Mr. Sharett, 26 April 1956 -

"..... As a purely factual observation re Tiberias what we meant to convey was that, once proposed agreement was reached, if police boats occasionally approached the shore, this would be no reason for complaint by either U.N. or Syria."

At the meeting held on Friday morning 20 April, the following conversation took place :

Mr. Ben Gurion stated that they must reserve the right to send back the police in case of attack or to rescue a boat.

General Dayar stated it was the same situation as along the Gaza Strip. The Syrians must not consider that Israel would be violating the undertaking if a police boat reached the shore.

The Secretary-General said the Syrians should not shoot at the boat.

Mr. Ben Gurion stated that the Syrians should complain and, if necessary, the Israel police would be condemned.

The Secretary-General noted that Israel reserved the right to send back the police close to the shore if necessary, but that the other country might appeal.

Mr. Ben Gurion agreed. He added that the Israel police would get strict orders.