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Fawzi, Mahmoud (Foreign Minister of Egypt)

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STRICTLY PERSONAL

Dear Mahmoud,

You remember that when I met you last time in Cairo I showed you the letter (marked secret) from Ben Gurion concerning El Auja and related problems. You will also remember that I did so with the consent of Mr. Ben Gurion.

It has occurred to me that it might be useful for you personally to have on your private files the exact wording of the key paragraph in that letter. I therefore copy it here for you:

"I wish to repeat that although we would appreciate an official declaration by the Egyptian Government of the change of policy, we will consider that as soon as you have a definite assurance from the Egyptian Government that it is ceasing to interfere with Israeli shipping and inform us of the fact, a situation will be established in which you have our unconditional assurance immediately to proceed to comply with Articles VII and VIII in the manner cited above."

I hope that it is not inconvenient for you if in this way I use your kind promise to provide for a strictly personal correspondence with you. On such a basis I hope that you, on your side, will find it possible to brief me so as to render it possible for me to act and react in a way best serving the aims we are pursuing.

I hope to send you one of these days a little memory with my best thanks for all that you did for me in the course of my recent assignment to the Middle East.

With warm regards,

His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Fawzi  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Cairo, Egypt.