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STATEMENT BY DR. BUNCHE BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM JERUSALEM

The following is a statement by Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations Under-Secretary, upon his departure today from Jerusalem where he conferred with Major General Carl Carlsson von Horn, Chief of Staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization:

"I came to Jerusalem on instructions from the Secretary-General primarily for direct consultation with General von Horn.

"I naturally availed myself of the opportunity to pay a visit to Mr. Samir Rifai, in Amman, and to Prime Minister Ben-Gurion in Tel Aviv.

"I also had the privilege of a rather detailed discussion this morning with the Director-General of the [Israeli] Foreign Office, Mr. Walter Eytan, in his office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Joseph Tekoah, Mr. Michael Comay [both members of the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs] Major General von Horn and Mr. Henri Vigier [UNTSO Political Adviser] also participated.

"Among the numerous questions which came up during those meetings, I could mention those of the Israeli present attitude toward plenary meetings of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission and also the various hitches which arise in connection with the periodical convoys to Mount Scopus.

"Upon my return to New York I shall fully communicate to the Secretary-General the views which have been presented to me in these talks.

"Incidentally, I should like to add that there is no basis at all for interpreting the purpose of my visit here to be in any way an expression of United Nations Headquarters concern with the position and performance of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization staff. General von Horn and his staff have the full confidence of the Secretary-General. I may add the personal view that they are doing an extremely difficult and largely thankless task remarkably well."

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✓ UNEFCA 28 X FOOTE FROM GORDON X FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE IN AL AKRAM THIRTEEN MAY QUOTE SECRETARIAT OF LEAGUE ARAB STATES HAS SENT SPECIAL MEMORANDUM TO JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT ASKING TO BE INFORMED OF MEASURES TAKEN BY IT TO PROTECT REGIONS OF MOUNT MOKABBAR AND SCOPUS AGAINST

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EFFECTS OF ZIONIST AMBITIONS PARA MEMORANDUM ADDS THAT LEAGUE HAS RECEIVED ALARMING REPORTS ABOUT REGIONS THESE MOUNTS WHICH ARE REGARDED AS KEY TO DEFENCE OF OLD JERUSALEM AND EVEN TO AMMAN ITSELF SO THAT THEY MAY NOT BE AT ISRAELIS MERCY PARA ARAB LEAGUE HAS ASKED ITS REPRESENTATIVE AT

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UNATIONS TO COMMUNICATE TO IT BY CABLE MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON IN CONSULTATIONS WITH MR HAMMARSKJOLDS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOLLOWING HIS RECENT TALKS WITH JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT STOP THIS DELEGATE HAS DECLARED THAT AN AGREEMENT IS ABOUT TO BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN JORDAN AND ISRAEL ON QUESTION OF MOUNT MOKABBAR PARA LEAGUE

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HAS ASKED TO BE CONSTANTLY INFORMED OF RESULTS OF MISSION OF BUNCHE CMA UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL WHO NOW ON VISIT TO AMMAN PARA IT UNDERSTOOD THAT BUNCHE'S TASK CONFINED TO RESTORATION OF NORMAL CIVIL LIFE TO SCOPUS AND MOKABBAR THROUGH PERMITTING ISRAEL TO HAVE CONTROL OVER TWO REGIONS CMA FOLLOWING

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PERMISSION ALREADY GRANTED BY JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT TO ZIONISTS
TO RETURN TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN MOUNT SCOPUS REGION PARA SOME
ARAB GOVERNMENTS YESTERDAY CONTACTED ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT
COMMUNICATING TO IT ALL INFORMATION THEY HAVE ON MATTER STOP PARA AN
ARAB LEAGUE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY DECLARED THAT LEAGUE WAS
COLLECTING NECESSARY COMPLETE DATA ON

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ISSUE AND WILL TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO SAFEGUARD ARAB ASPIRATIONS
REGARDING THEIR HOMELAND CMA AS PROBLEM OF SCOPUS AND MOKABBAR
DOES NOT CONCERN JORDAN ALONE BUT WHOLE ARAB WORLD UNQUOTE

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