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UNOGIL/UNWRA - to Sec. Gen.
(Lebanon)

(Refugees problem)

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My dear General,

I am enclosing a copy of the daily Situation Report which we receive from our Lebanon Office, and I would draw your attention in particular to the two paragraphs side-lined and marked 'A' and 'B'.

As regards the latter, we have been given to understand that the 23 elders and 3 UNRWA employees arrested by the rebels are accused of having helped to keep the refugees in the camp neutral. Whether or not they were entirely responsible, the fact remains that the refugees in that camp (and indeed in the whole of Lebanon) have so far kept out of the local controversy, and it would be extremely unfortunate if they were forced to take sides either for or against the conflicting parties.

The postscript refers to the fact that we are sending one of our senior Palestinian staff to Nahr el Bared camp to try to establish the facts and if possible to settle the issue. We have authorised him to inform the Opposition leaders that UNRWA would find it difficult to continue to provide services and supplies to the refugees if it became known that they were actively participating in the fighting.

yours sincerely,

Leslie J. Carver
Acting Director

General Odd Bull
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Four Palestine refugees from Mie Mie and Ein el Hilweh, who had been sentenced to prison last year for acts terrorism and threats to UNRWA Officials and who had been freed by the rebels in Baalbeck, have returned to old Saida town, after a stay in Syria, to join the opposition forces.

In Nahr el Bared the rebels have arrested 23 elders and 3 UNRWA employees and are trying to arm the refugee population. Some weapons have been already distributed. The situation is reported as being very serious.



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TO: The Secretary-General, United Nations, New York
FROM: D. Blickenstaff, Principal Secretary, UNOGIL
SUBJECT: Letter dated 28 June 1958 from Mr. Carver

D. Blickenstaff

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Attached is a confidential letter from Mr. Carver

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about events among the Palestine refugee population in relation to
the Lebanese internal conflict. Attached also are the two passages
from reports received by UNRWA to which Mr. Carver refers in his
letter. No action of any kind has been taken by this Mission on
Mr. Carver's letter.