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CABLE FROM MR. SHERTOK TO MR. LOURIE: (PARAPHRASED)

Had a two-hour conference with the Mediator and his Staff on Thursday which was generally barren and uninspiring and significant mainly for omission. The Mediator did not raise the question of immigration and refugees.

He stated that he will submit a report to the Secretary-General for the General Assembly without any recommendation. He assumes he will be invited to attend.

He expressed the view that unless the Assembly in Paris solves the problem this will mean suicide for the United Nations to which he has no desire to be party, implying that he will not continue after the Assembly if there is no peace settlement.

He has transmitted to me a message from the Secretary-General, urging us to come to Paris; however, we have not yet decided.

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LOURIE MEMISRAEL NEWYORK

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To MOISHE SHERTOK

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Street and No. 15 AVE. THEOPHILE GAUTIER

Place PARIS, FRANCE

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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October 28, 1948

Mr. Harry Seeve
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Seeve:

I enclose a copy of a letter which I
have received from Mr. Shertok with reference
to the participation of the UPA in the Planning
Committee for Palestine Refugee Relief.

Yours sincerely,

AL:gr
Enc.

Arthur Lourie

CC: Dr. Israel Goldstein
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

C O P Y

ETAT D'ISRAEL
Gouvernement Provisoire

Ministere des Affaires Etrangeres
Hakirya, Israel

Paris, 25th Oct. 1948.

Dear Arthur,

Some days ago I received a cable from Israel Goldstein, and subsequently a letter from Harry Seeve, concerning the participation or otherwise of our people in an American organisation for assistance to Arab - and Jewish - refugees. I deeply regret that for some inadvertent reason I failed to reply to Israel's query. I take it that in the meantime the matter got settled along the line suggested by Silver. In case my opinion is still awaited, and if not, then only for the sake of record, I want you and those concerned to know that I fully share Silver's views, namely, I believe that without making any public announcement as to our disassociation with the contemplated organisation, we should refrain from any further attendance and thereby let the question of our participation silently lapse.

Yours ever,

(signed) Moshe

Arthur Lourie, Esq.
16 East 66th Street,
New York City.

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COPY OF CABLE FROM MOSHE SHERTOK (PARIS) TO ELIAHU EPSTEIN (WASHINGTON)

From *al*
NOVEMBER 10 1948

AT TODAY'S CONVERSATION STRESS THAT WE FAVOR THE ARMISTICE IDEA AS A BASIS FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BUT ARE UNCOMPROMISINGLY OPPOSED TO THE CREATION OF DEMILITARIZED ZONES WHICH WOULD INVOLVE A DANGEROUS VACUUM AND CONSTITUTE A BREEDING GROUND FOR IRREGULARS WITH THE LIKELIHOOD OF CONTINUOUS INCURSIONS BY BOTH SIDES AND TERRITORIAL CHANGES PREJUDICING A FINAL SETTLEMENT STOP DEMILITARIZED ZONES ARE UNNECESSARY FOR PURPOSES OF AN ARMISTICE WHICH CAN BE SECURED BY FIXING CLEAR DEMARCATION LINES; THIS TO BE SUBJECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PARTIES WITH OR WITHOUT UNMEDIATION STOP WE WOULD THEREFORE WELCOME AMENDMENT OF THE DRAFT PROPOSED BY THE ACTING MEDIATOR SO AS TO DECREE AN ARMISTICE AS FROM A FIXED DATE AND SUBSTITUTING DEMARCATION LINES ~~AND~~ FOR DEMILITARIZED ZONES STOP A RESOLUTION ALONG THESE LINES SHOULD SUPERSEDE THE NOVEMBER 4TH RESOLUTION ON THE NEGEV AS BEING OF WIDER SCOPE AND ENABLING WITHIN ITS FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT OF OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS IN THAT AREA STOP MAKE CLEAR THAT ACTION ALONG THE NOVEMBER 4TH LINES AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED IS BOUND TO RESULT IN A HEADLONG CLASH AS WE WOULD NEVER AGREE TO RELINQUISH THIS TERRITORY WHICH WAS RECOVERED BY US AT THE COST OF BLOOD, NOR COULD WE SUFFER THE CREATION OF A PERILOUS VOID ON OUR BORDERS WITH NOTHING TO PROTECT THEM EXCEPT THE NAME OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH HAS PROVED SO LAMENTABLY INEFFECTUAL IN THE PAST STOP THE PROVISION THAT WITHDRAWAL IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO AN EVENTUAL TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN ADEQUATE GUARANTEE IN THE LIGHT OF THE BERNADOTTE REPORT, WHICH BASED ITS MAIN RECOMMENDATION REGARDING EXCISION NEGEV FROM ISRAEL, ON THE ~~EXIST~~ FACT OF MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CERTAIN POINTS BY THE EGYPTIANS ACHIEVED

LARGELY THROUGH VIOLATIONS OF THE TRUCE STOP INSISTENCE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NOVEMBER 4TH RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE RUINOUS EFFECTS ON ITS SPONSORS POSITION IN ISRAEL. JUST AS SUBMISSION TO THIS VERDICT WOULD DOOM THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IN ISRAEL STOP COMMITTEE SEVEN DEALING NEGEV SITUATION IS DUE TO MEET THIS AFTERNOON (WEDNESDAY) STOP VITALLY IMPORTANT EFFORT BE MADE TO FIND A WAY OUT FROM THE IMPASSE CREATED BY THE NOVEMBER 4TH RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUNCHES PROPOSAL AS MEETING THE ISSUE MORE COMPREHENSIVELY PROVIDED THAT IT IS AMENDED AS ABOVE



From A.L.

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PARIS
DECEMBER 3, 1948

EPSTEIN MEMORANDUM WASHINGTON

SUN 772 INTERVIEW DULLES 1/12 INVITATION ROSS COMAY PRESENT STOP INFORMED ME AS RESULT STRONG PRESSURE ON BRITISH IN LONDON IN WHICH HE PERSONALLY MOST ACTIVE THEY RENOUNCED BINDING STATUS MEDIATORS REPORT AND ANGLO-AMERICAN AGREEMENT THUS REACHED STOP THOUGH WORDING STILL UNSATISFACTORY AND SOME OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES RETAINED HE CONSIDERS THIS GREAT SUCCESS STOP HE KNEW WE WOULD NOT AGREE BUT THOUGH WE RIGHTLY SUSPICIOUS BELIEVED OBJECTIONABLE PARTS WERE MERELY AMBIGUITIES WHICH WOULD NOT IN PRACTICE BE INTERPRETED WAY WE THOUGHT STOP IF REPORT MUST MERELY BE CONSIDERED THEN IT CAN ALSO BE IGNORED STOP USA DEFINITELY DIDNT WANT COMMISSION IMPOSE TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT AGAINST OUR WILL STOP AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH WAS INDISPENSABLE AS OTHERWISE CONSIDERATIONS THEIR PRESTIGE VISAVIS ARAB STATES MILITATED AGAINST SETTLEMENT STOP EVEN SO TWO THIRD MAJORITY ASSEMBLY DOUBTFUL AS MANY LATINAMERICANS INSTRUCTED ABSTAIN BUT USA TRYING BRING THEM INTO LINE STOP PASSAGE RESOLUTION WILL FACILITATE OUR ADMISSION INQUIRED PROSPECTS STOP MYSELF GAVE REALISTIC ACCOUNT POSITION SECCOUNCIL URGING ACTIVE AMERICAN INTERVENTION WITH HESITANT DELEGATIONS THIS HE PROMISED EMPHATICALLY SAID THEY DETERMINED SEE MATTER THROUGH THIS SESSION HAVE "GOOD STRONG STATE ISRAEL" (THIS SINCE DONE VISAVIS FRANCE FIRST ON DULLES INITIATIVE LATER ON SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON) ON MERITS MYSELF SAID APPRECIATED HIS SUCCESS BUT FEARED WAS MERELY FORM NOT SUBSTANCE BRITISH UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD STRIVE ACHIEVE THEIR PURPOSE AS PER REPORT THROUGH CONCILIATION ALSO REFERRED CLAUSES JERUSALEM REGIME ACCESS AND REFUGEES STOP DULLES ADMITTED DISLIKE JERUSALEM.

WOULD TRY WORK OUT MORE FLEXIBLE FORMULA MYSELF URGED USE JESSUP PHRASE REGARDING INTEGRATION JERUSALEM POPULATION INSTITUTIONS REMAINDER TERRITORY PALESTINE STOP ROSS INTIMATED ACCESS AND REPATRIATION WILL BE RELATED PEACE STOP DULLES CONCLUDED WANTED INFORM ME POSITION ANXIOUS GO ALONG WITH US TILL END MYSELF EXPRESSED APPRECIATION EMPHASIZED WE RESTATED OUR OBJECTIONS FRANK

SHERTON

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A RECEPTION

IN HONOR OF

Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk

AND THE OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF THE
JORDAN VALLEY AUTHORITY REPORT

TO

Honorable Moshe Sharett

Foreign Minister, State of Israel



ON



MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1949, 4:30 P. M.

SERT ROOM
WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL
NEW YORK CITY

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DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN, *Presiding*