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HAVE CABLED BENGURION FOLLOWING QUOTE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS PALESTINE
CONSTITUTE THREAT GRAVEST TRAGEDY HAVING FAILED PROVOKE CLASHES
BETWEEN HEBREWS AND ARABS BRITISH ARE TRYING PITCH HEBREW AGAINST
HEBREW AND PRESSING PARTYRED HEBREW PEOPLE DOWN ROAD BLOODY CIVIL
WAR JEWISH

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AGENCY UNWITINGLY EXECUTING DIABOLICAL PLANS TORY IMPERIALISTS
STILL DOMINATING BRITAINS POLICY PALESTINE AGENCY AROUSING CONTEMPT
FREE MEN EVERYWHERE IN ITS SPINELESS YIELDING TO BRITISH INTIMIDATION
UNCONDITIONALLY ACCEPTING EVERY CHICANERY INVENTED BY COLONIAL
OFFICE AGENCY LET ITSELF BECOME BRITAINS LEADING PROPAGANDIST IN
EFFORT CONFUSE WORLD OPINION THROUGH CAMPAIGN AGAINST SO CALLED

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TERRORISTS THE CRIMINALS AND TERRORISTS IN PALESTINE ARE NOT THE
HEBREW PATRIOTS WHO ARE DAILY OFFERING SUPREME SACRIFICE IN DESPER-
ATE EFFORT TO SAVE THEIR PEOPLE AND COUNTRY BUT THOSE PEOPLE WHO
WILLINGLY BECAME ANVIL OVER WHICH SIX MILLION HEBREWS WERE CRUSHED
THEY ARE ALSO GUILTY USELESS DEATH COUNTLESS HEBREWS AND

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CONTINUED TORMENT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS STILL GERMAN CONCENTRATION
CAMPS FIGHTING IN PALESTINE IS INEVITABLE REFLEX ACTION TO THESE
CRIMES AGAINST OUR PEOPLE ONLY THEIR CESSATION CAN BRING PEACE TO
PALESTINE NOT YOUR TURNING INFORMERS SHEDDING HEBREW BLOOD ACCORD-
INGLY WE DEMAND YOU STOP IMPENDING HAGANAH ACTION AGAINST PALESTINE
RESISTANCE WHICH YOUR

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PROLONGED PRESSURE AND INCITEMENT BROUGHT FORTH YOU MUST FLATLY REFUSE
FIGHT JUSTIFIED EFFORTS OF RESISTANCE TO STAY HANGING HEBREW
HERO AND PATRIOT DOV GRUNER WHICH IS DELIBERATE PROVOCATION BY
ANTI SEMITIC BRITISH NAZI GENERAL BARKER WE ALSO DEMAND YOU
IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND DEALING WITH COLONIAL OFFICE WHICH SHALL NOT BE
RESUMED

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UNTIL AFTER REPATRIATION FROM CAMPS BEGINS IN WORDS OF LATE LORD
WEDGWOOD QUOTE ASK NO MORE FROM BRITAIN YOU MAKE YOURSELVES TOO
CHEAP UNQUOTE THESE WORDS UTTERED 1943 SHOULD GUIDE YOU NOW
AFTER DESTRUCTION MILLIONS HEBREWS IN WHOSE DEATH BRITAIN PLAYED
AT LEAST PASSIVE ROLE UNQUOTE IN LIGHT YOUR PROMISE

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MERLIN ZIFF IN BASLE URGE YOUR STRONGEST INTERVENTION WHICH ALONE
CAN PREVENT AGENCY FROM DISASTROUS MISTAKE AND AVOID NATIONAL
CATASTROPHY

PETER H BERGSON CHAIRMAN HEBREW COMMITTEE NATIONAL LIBERATION

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2315 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 8, D.C.

HEBREW COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION

May 1, 1947

N.Y. Office:
53 E. 77th Street
New York 21, N.Y.

Col. Julius Klien
Carlton Hotel
Washington, D.C.

My dear Colonel:

Please excuse the delay in answering your letter of April 26. I thought I would have an opportunity to talk to you about it over the phone, making it unnecessary to go into correspondence on this matter. I would much rather discuss with you the splendid idea you had the other day concerning the organization and planning of a General Staff of the Palestine armed forces. Since I failed to get you on the phone, however, I want to answer briefly a few points of your letter.

We have not filed any objection with the United Nations. We have filed and done a great deal of work around the proposal to have a Hebrew national delegation invited to participate in the present session on Palestine. If anyone was not in order in this respect in the handling of the UN, it is the Jewish Agency with its nomination of a 7-men "delegation" of whom six were Americans. It is of no importance whatsoever whether a group like this appears or does not appear and make a statement before the UN -- and that is all they want to do. What we were doing is but one more step in the direction of our objective which is the early recognition of the existence of the Hebrew nation, whose national territory is Palestine, as a normal and sovereign nation among the nations of the world.

I tend to agree with you that Rabbi Silver is a courageous and brilliant leader of the Zionist Organization, but this does not change the fact that the Jewish Agency today, far from hastening the day of deliverance and independence, is merely hampering our national struggle. Whether the Agency believes or not that the resistance fighters in Palestine are terrorists and gangsters is irrelevant, but that they say so ad nauseam and act accordingly is a fact of shameful betrayal, and while Dr. Silver personally doesn't do it, his association with the Agency -- the Goldmans and their collaborationist mentality and the maniac Ben-Gurion with his persistent call to arms against the Irgun -- makes Dr. Silver, too, guilty of the crime

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against the noblest and most heroic sons that our nation every produced throughout its long history.

There are many many things I could tell you on the subject and hope to do so when we get together soon.

I am enclosing some of the memoranda we submitted to the UN. From my close observation of the proceedings I can say that not only will this session end in nothing but another committee of inquiry, having provided an international platform for a band of mercenary British stooges who make goebbels-like propaganda against us, but the only thing that can save us is the tenacity of our fighters in Palestine and the courage of the Hebrews in Europe among whom we are trying to organize a mass exodus to Palestine. Only such facts can compel attention and get us concrete backing from Washington.

I shall be in Washington next week for a few days and shall try to reach you. If you are in New York, please call this office.

Kind regards,

(Signed) Peter H. Bergson

