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LETTER DATED 25 OCTOBER 1948 FROM THE ACTING MEDIATOR TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
EGYPT AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL CONCERNING CONVOYS TO
THE NEGEB SETTLEMENTS

I have the honour to present the following communications from the
Government of Egypt and the Provisional Government of Israel for transmission
to the President of the Security Council. These communications indicate full
acceptance by the two parties of the decision of the Central Truce Supervision
Board in Case No. 12 (Annex to document S/1042), governing convoys to the
Negeb settlements.

1. Cable of 24 October from Mr. Azcarate to Mr. Bunche:

"Egyptian Government has accepted CTSB decisions in cases eleven
and twelve. Acceptance twelve taking into account assurances by
Jewish authorities quoted your telegram nine."

2. Extract from Mr. Eban's letter to Mr. Bunche of 18 October 1948,
received on 20 October:

"You referred to the difficulty experienced by you and your
representatives in persuading the Egyptians to grant passage to
Israeli convoys through Karatiyeh owing to the fact that the
Israeli Army was not inclined either to discontinue its flights
to the Negeb or to subject these flights to United Nations
supervision. The Foreign Ministry replies to this that
Dr. Eytan's letter No. 124 to Dr. Mohn of September 30th confirmed
in writing our acceptance of the decision in Case No. 12, which
provided, inter alia, for the discontinuance of Israeli air
supplies to the Negeb except to settlements inaccessible by road,
and for United Nations supervision over all flights to the
Negeb."

(Signed) Ralph J. Bunche
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