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CABLEGRAM DATED 9 MAY 1948 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TRUCE COMMISSION FOR PALESTINE ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Following an agreement between Assam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, and General Cunningham, the Arabs have accepted to cease fire today at noon in whole Jerusalem, on conditions that the Jews also abstain from firing. The Commission this morning has been invited by Cunningham to meet him. The latter has informed the Commission of its negotiations with Assam Pasha for the conclusion of a truce over the whole city of Jerusalem. Cunningham up to this point has not yet seen the representatives of the Jewish Agency regarding this proposed truce. He will only meet them tomorrow. Afterwards Cunningham has asked the Commission if it was ready to insure control of Jewish traffic between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, as well as the entry to the old city. The Commission, after study of the question, has answered this afternoon that it was ready in principle to insure such control but that it could only give a final answer when it will know the terms of the possible truce agreement. Such control should necessitate urgent sending of personnel by the United Nations estimated at first sight at about fifty control officers. The Truce Commission Principal Secretary is in direct contact with the Secretary-General about this question. On the other hand, according to General Cunningham, Assam Pasha would prefer that the control should be insured by the delegate of the International Committee of Red Cross. The Truce Commission therefore thinks it important the opinion of the Security Council urgently.

Security Council Truce Commission for  
Palestine

Jean Nicuwenhuys, Chairman

