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REPATRIATION OF PALESTINE REFUGEES AND PAYMENT OF
COMPENSATION DUE TO THEM: IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL
ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THIS QUESTION ^{1/}

Letter dated 30 August 1950 from the Permanent
Representative of Egypt to the United Nations
to the Secretary-General

New York, 30 August 1950

With reference to your letter No. EG/25/2/01 of 25 August 1950 addressed to His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt whereby you were kind enough to draw his attention to rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour to inform you that I transmitted this communication to His Excellency the Minister who has instructed me to transmit to you the following memorandum:

"In its resolution of 11 December 1948^{2/}, the General Assembly of the United Nations gave instructions for the return of the Palestine refugees to their homes and the payment of compensation due to those not desiring to return. The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, established by the said resolution, was made responsible for carrying out these instructions. In another resolution of 8 December 1949^{3/}, the General Assembly confirmed the aforementioned instructions. Nevertheless, these instructions have not yet been carried out, owing to the systematic

^{1/} See also Document A/1323.

^{2/} Resolution 194 (III).

^{3/} Resolution 302 (IV).

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opposition of the authorities occupying the territories in which the homes of the Palestine refugees are situated. Moreover, the said authorities not only refuse to pay the compensation due to the refugees not desiring to return to their homes, but are also confiscating their property. Egypt will ask the General Assembly for effect to be given to the instructions contained in the aforesaid resolution of 11 December."

(signed) Mahmoud Fawzi Bey
Permanent Representative of
Egypt to the United Nations.