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**FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE  
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE**

**SAFE CUSTODY OF THE PHYSICAL ASSETS OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE**

**Letter from the United Kingdom Delegation to the Secretary-General  
of the United Nations**

New York, 6 May 1948

In view of the fact that the Mandate for Palestine will be terminated on May 15th next, and as the question of Palestine is now before various organs of the United Nations, I have been instructed to ask you to bring to the notice of those concerned that unless appropriate arrangements are made for the safe custody of the physical assets of the Government of Palestine which comprise inter alia:

1. Buildings,
  2. Equipment, machinery and stores (including the Government Printing Press in Jerusalem which contains valuable machinery),
  3. Records and statements of the various Government Departments,
- there is a grave risk of looting and damage.

My Government would be glad to hear as soon as possible what actions is proposed for the safeguarding of these assets.

(Signed) Alexander CADOGAN

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