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CABLES FROM THE REGISTRAR OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DATED 22 MAY 1947 AND 24 JULY 1947

1. Cable dated 22 May 1947:

Secretary-General:

In accordance Statute Article 40 paragraph 3, have honor inform you have today received application from Government of United Kingdom against Government Peoples Republic Albania in Corfu Channel case.

Hambro, Registrar, Intercourt

2. Cable dated 24 July 1947:

Secretary-General:

On July 23, letter signed by Deputy Minister Foreign Affairs was filed with Registry International Court Justice on behalf Albanian Government in response to application British Government concerning incidents Straits Corfu. In this answer Albanian Government expresses opinion that in bringing dispute before Court by unilateral application British Government has not proceeded in conformity with resolution of April 9, 1947 Security Council. Neither Statute of Court nor Charter, Article 25 of which is invoked by British Government nor general international law would justify this procedure. In these circumstances Albanian Government declares that it would be entitled consider that British Government could not validity bring case before Court. Nevertheless, for its part it fully accepts recommendation Security Council. It is profoundly convinced justice of its case and is resolved to neglect no opportunity of giving evidence of its devotion to principles of friendly collaboration between nations and of pacific settlement disputes. Accordingly, it is prepared to appear before Court. It makes however the most explicit reservations regarding manner in which British Government has brought case before Court and emphasizes that its acceptance of the Court's jurisdiction in the present case cannot constitute a precedent for the future. The Albanian Government appointed as agent Kahreman Ylli, Minister Plenipotentiary of Albania in Paris. President of Court will shortly make order fixing time limits for filing pleadings in this case.

Garnier Coignet,  
Intercourt.