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CABLEGRAM DATED 24 MAY 1948 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
TRUCE COMMISSION ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Chairman of the Security Council Truce Commission instructs me
to transmit the following message to you:

"Jerusalem 24 May 1948 at 18 hours GMT, that is to say 2 hours after
the expiry of the time limit given to both contestants for ceasing fire,
we note a definite slowing down in the firing but not a complete stoppage.
Bursts of machine gun fire are heard from time to time; the last mortar
fire took place 2 hours ago. In view of the fact that a certain calm usually
occurs at this hour - possibly however less pronounced than today - we shall
not be able to inform the Council until tomorrow morning. We do not know
what is happening in the rest of the country.

Already yesterday evening the Jewish Agency informed us that it agreed
to give the cease-fire order; the content of this message was confirmed to
us this afternoon by telegram from Tel Aviv issued after a meeting of the
Provisional Government of the State of Israel.

Signed: Jean NIEUWENHUYSEN, Chairman of the Security Council Truce
Commission in Palestine."

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