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President of Security Council: "Question Jewish emigration into Palestine duration truce alone obstructing agreement two parties on effective date truce. Difficulty arises concerning precise interpretation to be given to phrases 'fighting personnel' and 'men of military age' in first two action clauses Security Council resolution 29 May Basic question is: does resolution envisage that men of military age may be brought in Jewish area Palestine during period truce provided they are not mobilized or submitted to training? Is resolution permissive this regard or does resolution seek exclusion all men military age? That is, what is precise intent of phrase 'should men of military age be introduced'? Have most urgent need of official interpretation these clauses by Saturday 5 June. I may assure you and Security Council that I am exerting every possible effort achieve agreement two parties on date and hour of truce and hope succeed."

