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"DELIBERATE JEWISH CAMPAIGN LED BY MILITARY GOVERNOR DR. BERNARD JOSEPH TO DISCREDIT TRUCE COMMISSION AND ACTING MEDIATOR DR. BUNCHE NOW APPARENTLY DEVELOPING ALONG LINES OF ATTACK LAUNCHED AGAINST LATE COUNT BERNADOTTE PRIOR TO HIS ASSASSINATION AND MARKED BY SUCH DELIBERATE DISCOURTESIES AS RELEASE TO PRESS OF COMMUNICATIONS SENT TO UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS BEFORE THEIR RECEIPT BY ADDRESSEES. OBVIOUSLY UNDERTAKEN IN EFFORT TO DESTROY PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN AND AROUSE PUBLIC ANIMOSITY TOWARDS THE TWO BODIES NOW STRIVING TO ENFORCE TRUCE IN JERUSALEM AND BRING ABOUT DEMILITARIZATION OF JERUSALEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF JULY FIFTEEN. COINCIDES WITH JEWISH EFFORT BEFORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO OBTAIN INCORPORATION OF JERUSALEM IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND IS CALCULATED TO PROVE BOTH JEWISH DETERMINATION TO KEEP JERUSALEM AND INABILITY OF UNITED NATIONS TO INTERNATIONALIZE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH LATE MEDIATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

"IN REPLY TO DR. BUNCHE'S STATEMENT THAT ISRAEL AUTHORITIES WERE LAX IN PROVIDING SECURITY FOR COUNT BERNADOTTE, DR. JOSEPH IN A PRESS RELEASE BLAMED UNITED NATIONS AUTHORITIES FOR NEGLIGENCE IN SECURITY MEASURES. HE CLAIMED UNITED NATIONS HAD DECLINED JEWISH SUGGESTION THAT UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ISRAEL MILITARY PERSONNEL. HE MAINTAINED 'JEWISH AUTHORITIES, HAD THEY RECEIVED SLIGHTEST INTIMATION THAT UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES WISHED TO HAVE SPECIAL PROTECTION ACCORDED TO THEM, WOULD HAVE GLADLY COMPLIED WITH THE REQUEST'. TRUCE COMMISSION IS WRITING TO DR. JOSEPH AS FOLLOWS: AS LONG AS JEWISH OFFICIALS PRETEND TO EXERCISE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY IN JERUSALEM FOR SAFETY UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL: WILL HOLD HIM PERSONALLY AND ISRAELI ARMY JERUSALEM COMMAND RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTS BY JEWISH TERRORISTS; HOWEVER RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL UNDER PRETEXT OF 'SAFETY REASONS' WILL NOT BE TOLERATED; IF SAFE, FREE MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT JEWISH AREA CANNOT BE GUARANTEED, DR. JOSEPH SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE INABILITY TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER.

"IN A SECOND PRESS RELEASE A PROPOSAL BY THE TRUCE COMMISSION THAT A ZONE COMPRISING THE KING DAVID HOTEL, YMCA, FRENCH AND AMERICAN CONSULATES GENERAL BE CONSIDERED A NEUTRAL AREA WAS DECLARED INACCEPTABLE BY THE ISRAEL ARMY. DR. JOSEPH CLAIMED THE TRUCE COMMISSION HAD NO AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE NEUTRAL ZONES AND RESERVED FREEDOM OF ACTION. HE STATED NO JEWISH TROOPS WERE NOW IN THE AREA. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE LATE MEDIATOR TO IMPLEMENT THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF JULY FIFTEEN WITH RESPECT TO THE DEMILITARIZATION OF JERUSALEM AND IN AN EFFORT TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL, THE TRUCE COMMISSION ON AUGUST THIRTY PROPOSED TO BOTH MILITARY COMMANDERS THE CREATION OF ZONE AS DEMILITARIZED AREA. THE ARAB COMMANDER ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE BUT THE JEWISH COMMANDER IGNORED THE LETTER UNTIL THE PRESS RELEASE OF YESTERDAY. TRUCE COMMISSION AND UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS HERE CONSIDER SUCH A ZONE NOT ONLY AS LOGICAL FIRST STEP TOWARDS DEMILITARIZATION BUT NECESSARY FOR THE SAFETY OF UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL HERE. THE TRUCE COMMISSION CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL TO BRING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S ATTENTION THE ACTIONS OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR AND THE LOCAL ISRAEL ARMY COMMAND IN VIEW OF THE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES WHICH MAY RESULT FROM MALICIOUS AND DISTORTED ATTACKS ON UNITED NATIONS BODIES. THE ATTITUDE ADOPTED APPEARS TO BE EXPRESSLY DESIGNED TO HINDER THE CARRYING OUT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF JULY FIFTEEN. THE TRUCE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT THE NON-CO-OPERATIVENESS TOWARDS UNITED NATIONS EXHIBITED BY LOCAL JEWISH AUTHORITIES IS DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THE STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBLE SPOKESMEN OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL PLEDGING UTMOST CO-OPERATION WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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