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TELEGRAM DATED 18 AUGUST 1948 FROM THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
CONCERNING PALESTINIAN ARAB REFUGEES

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT
THE NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON HAS REACHED 65,000. THE MAJORITY
OF THEM ARE IN A COMPLETE CONDITION OF POVERTY AND DESTITUTION. AMONG THEM
THOUSANDS ARE SICK, ORPHANS AND AGED. THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON AND THE
PEOPLE OF LEBANON THROUGH THEIR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS ARE MAKING
CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS TO COPE WITH THE SITUATION BY PROVIDING THE REFUGEES WITH
SHELTER, CLOTHING, FOOD AND MEDICAL CARE. UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO SHORTAGE OF
FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND TO THE HEAVY EXPENDITURES ENTAILLED, IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE FOR LEBANON TO FULFIL ALONE AND UNAIDED ITS OBLIGATIONS IN SUCH A
HUMANITARIAN ENTERPRISE. IT IS INDISPENSIBLE THAT FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES
AND CLOTHING BE RUSHED TO THESE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS OF INTERNATIONAL ZIONIST
AGGRESSION. FORTHCOMING RAINY SEASON WILL FURTHER COMPLICATE THE PROBLEM. I
BEG, SIR, THAT YOU PROVIDE THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH THIS INFORMATION.

(SIGNED) EDWARD A. GEORRA,
CONSUL GENERAL OF LEBANON
AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE
