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CABLEGRAM DATED 16 JULY 1948 FROM THE UNITED NATIONS MEDIATOR ADDRESSED TO THE ARAB STATES AND TO THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL CONCERNING THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF 15 JULY; AND THEIR REPLIES THERETO

1. CABLEGRAM DATED 16 JULY FROM THE UNITED NATIONS MEDIATOR

Paragraph 3 of the resolution on the cease-fire and truce in Palestine adopted by the Security Council on 15 July at its three hundred and thirty-eighth meeting provides that the cease-fire is "to take effect at a time to be determined by the Mediator, but in any event not later than three days from the date of the adoption of this resolution".

In pursuance of this provision of the resolution and following consultations at Lake Success, I wish to notify you that the date and hour on which the cease-fire is to be effective is 3.00 p.m. G.M.T., Sunday, 18 July 1948 (repeat 3.00 p.m. G.M.T., Sunday, 18 July 1948). In order that each party may be informed of the intentions of the other, will you be so kind as to confirm to me this issuance of the cease-fire orders in accordance with the decision above noted at my Rhodes headquarters at the earliest possible moment.

Paragraph 8 of the resolution "instructs the Mediator to supervise the observance of the truce".

In order that there shall be no misunderstanding regarding the discharge of my responsibilities in the supervision of the truce, I take this opportunity to inform you that, although I will do my utmost to establish and put into operation a system of observers as quickly as possible, I cannot ensure that the functioning of this system, in view of the short time available, will coincide with the effective date of the truce. It is my earnest hope that both parties will undertake to observe scrupulously both the letter and the spirit of the truce. I will, of course, give advance notice and at the earliest possible moment, of the institution of the system of supervision, and of the arrival of the observers and their equipment at the observation posts.

2. REPLIES

(a) Egypt

In reply to your cable of 17 July which was communicated to me on the same date, the Egyptian Government has given the cease-fire order in Palestine as from Sunday, 18 July at 3.00 p.m. G.M.T.

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President of the Council of Ministers of Egypt

/(b) Transjordan

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I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Transjordan, complying with the resolution of the Security Council, accepts cease-fire as from three o'clock Greenwich Time this day, Sunday, 18th July 1948.

F. Mulka

Transjordan Foreign Minister

(c) Iraq

Owing to delay of receipt of your wire, and because the subject necessitates Arab State deliberations, and in view of Arab League Political Committee being still kept busy in meetings, I earnestly endeavour to get Iraqi Government's reply reach you at earliest possible moment.

Ali Muntaz

Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, Iraq.

(d) Israel

View shortness time and absent reply regarding Arab decision, orders have been issued all our commanders cease fire today 7.00 p.m. Israeli Time corresponding hours fixed by you and resume firing only if other side continues.

Moshe Shertok

(e) Syria

We have ordered our troops to cease fire at 17 hours Damascus time.

Jamil Mardam Bey

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Syria.

(f) League of Arab States

I wish to notify Your Excellency that the Arab States members of the Arab League issued orders to cease fire in Palestine as from Sunday, 18 July, at 3 G.M.T.

Azzam Pasha

Secretary-General of League of Arab  
States

(g) Lebanon

Have honour to inform you cease-fire order was given Lebanese forces 5.00 p.m. Sunday.

Hamid Frangie,

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lebanon.

(h) Saudi Arabia

Reference your telegram No. 13 dated July 16, contents of which have fully been noted by the Saudi Arabian Government, but so far as  
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taking final decision on the subject, this comes under the jurisdiction of the Political Committee of the Arab League. You will be notified thereof by the said League in due course.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Saudi Arabia

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