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CABLEGRAM DATED 16 MAY 1948 ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
BY JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM HAS TODAY BEEN TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL, AND IT WILL BE APPRECIATED IF A COPY OF THIS TELEGRAM COULD  
BE CIRCULATED IMMEDIATELY TO MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

"I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUBMIT FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE TEXT OF A  
TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY THE JEWISH AGENCY OFFICE IN NEW YORK FROM THE  
FOREIGN SECRETARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL DATED TEL AVIV, MAY 15TH,  
9:20 P.M." PLEASE CALL IMMEDIATELY TO URGENT ATTENTION OF SECURITY  
COUNCIL FOLLOWING FACTS:

FIRST: SEVERAL EGYPTIAN PLANES BOMBED TEL AVIV IN REPEATED  
WAVES EARLY THIS MORNING AND AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON CAUSING  
DEATHS AND DESTRUCTION.

SECOND: OUR ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES WHICH WENT INTO ACTION  
IMMEDIATELY, SHOT DOWN ONE PLANE WHOSE PILOT WAS UNHURT AND  
TAKEN PRISONER. AIRCRAFT IS OF SPITFIRE MAKE WITH MARK  
ROMAN FIVE B AND CARRIES THE MARKING OF THE ROYAL EGYPTIAN  
AIRFORCE. PILOT'S NAME IS FLIGHT LIEUTENANT MAHMUD BARAKA  
OF EGYPTIAN FIGHTER SQUADRON NUMBER TWO. ACCORDING TO HIS  
DEPOSITION THE COMMANDER OF THE SAID SQUADRON PARTICIPATED  
IN THE RAID.

THIRD: AIRCRAFT BEARING EGYPTIAN AIRFORCE MARKINGS ALSO  
RAIDED SETTLEMENT NIRIM IN NEGEV CAUSING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

FOURTH: CAIRO RADIO ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT EGYPTIAN AIRFORCE  
RAIDED TEL AVIV.

FIFTH: MECHANIZED COLUMN EGYPTIAN ARMY TODAY SHELLED SETTLEMENT  
NIRIM IN NEGEV.

SIXTH: LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF EGYPTIAN REGULAR FORCES REPORTED  
FROM GAZA AND MOVEMENTS EGYPTIAN MECHANIZED COLUMNS OBSERVED IN  
OTHER PARTS OF SOUTHERN PALESTINE. URGE IMMEDIATE ACTION BY  
SECURITY COUNCIL TO CHECK AND PREVENT THIS OPEN AGGRESSION BY A  
MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, CARRIED ON BY ITS REGULAR FORCES

(SIGNED) MOSHE SHERTOK"

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