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CABLEGRAM DATED 16 MAY 1948 FROM THE KING OF TRANSJORDAN  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

WE WERE COMPELLED TO ENTER PALESTINE TO PROTECT UNARMED ARABS  
AGAINST MASSACRES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF DEIR YASIN. WE ARE AWARE OF OUR  
NATIONAL DUTY TOWARDS PALESTINE IN GENERAL AND JERUSALEM IN  
PARTICULAR AND ALSO NAZARETH AND BETHLEHEM. BE SURE THAT WE SHALL  
BE VERY CONSIDERATE IN CONNECTION WITH JEWS IN PALESTINE AND WHILE  
MAINTAINING AT THE SAME TIME THE FULL RIGHT OF THE ARABS IN PALESTINE.  
ZIONISM DID NOT REACT TO OUR OFFERS MADE BEFORE THE ENTRY OF ARMED  
FORCES.

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