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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. HARRY ROST

The following letter has been received from Mr. Harry Rost:^x

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Chairman
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Sir:

I learn you wish to know opinion relating to the Palestine Problem by all of its inhabitants. Here is my opinion. I am a Jew and I am not a member of any organisation in Palestine and I do not feel myself bound to obey orders of any of them. I live in this country since 1939 coming from Germany where my parents and relatives were later murdered in concentration camps. During the war I served with an Arabic outfit living for five years with Arabs 24 hours a day. You have a difficult problem to face. A just solution could only be a solution serving Jewish, Arabic and British interest. Jewish have a historic right upon the country and have earnest to be considered for their cultivation of it. The numbers of them already in the country and the present world wide Jewish problem everywhere. Arab also a vast area in the Middle East belongs to them could not be forced to leave Palestine or to live under Jewish domination. England has vital economical and political interest in this country has been serving it since the Balfour declaration. Beside of a big power is necessary to remain at present in this country to uphold law and order since whatever your decision will be Arabs and Jews will be opposing each other for a long time to come. You should divide the country into a Jewish and Arabic unit placing perhaps a mixed important area under temporary British trusteeship. Jewish and Arabic unit should develop along their own lines giving ones yearly account of their activities to the United Nations. Since it remains a question whether the Jewish unit would be able to absorb all proposed Jewish immigration you should say this and this country is also in need of immigration and should receive a number of so and so Jewish immigrants at once.

If you wish I am ready to give oral evidence only if necessary as well but please include this statement in your evidence.

I remain,

Gentlemen

Yours very truly,

(sgd.) Harry Rost

Tel-Aviv
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