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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE
COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE
RELATING TO A POLITICAL HISTORY

The following two letters have been received from
the Government of Palestine relating to a political history
of Palestine:

Letter No. 1

Jerusalem,

17th July, 1947.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the statement made in
the House of Commons in London on the 18th February, 1947,
in which the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr.
Ernest Bevin, expressed the intention of His Britannic
Majesty's Government to place before the United Nations "an
historical account of the way in which His Majesty's Govern-
ment have discharged their trust in Palestine over the last
twenty-five years".

I am now directed by the Secretary of State for the
Colonies, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, on behalf of His Majesty's
Government in the United Kingdom, to request you, Sir, as
Chairman of the Special Committee which has been appointed
by the General Assembly of the United Nations to prepare a
report on the question of Palestine, to accept the accompany-
ing document entitled "The Political History of Palestine
under British Administration"* which has been prepared by

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His Majesty Government in implementation of the intention
to which reference is made above.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(signed)

(D.C. MacGillivray)

LIAISON OFFICER.

The Chairman,
The United Nations Special Committee on Palestine,
Jerusalem.

Letter No. 2

Geneva.

1st August, 1947.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the memorandum entitled
"The Political History of Palestine under British Administration"
which was presented to the Committee in written evidence by
His Britannic Majesty's Government on 17th July* and to request
that the words "Orders were then given to undertake operations
against the Palmach" may be substituted for the following sentence
which is contained in paragraph 119 of that memorandum at lines
4 and 5 on page 32:- "Orders were then given to implement the
plan directed against the whole network of armed organisations".

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(signed)

D.C. MacGillivray,
Liaison Officer.

The Principal Secretary,
United Nations Special
Committee on Palestine,
Palais des Nations,
GENEVA.