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CABLEGRAM DATED 21 SEPTEMBER 1948 FROM RALPH BUNCHE TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING A SUMMARY OF
EMERGENCY REGULATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION
OF TERRORISM ISSUED BY THE DEFENCE
MINISTER OF THE PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL

For the information of the Security Council:

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS COMMUNICATED TO ME FULL TEXT OF
LAW AND ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE 5708 - 1948 TITLED "EMERGENCY REGULATIONS
FOR THE PREVENTION OF TERRORISM", ISSUED BY THE DEFENCE MINISTER, AND
WHICH ARE SUMMARIZED HERewith.

ONE, A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION MEANS A BODY OF PERSONS WHICH IN ITS
OPERATIONS MAKES USE OF ACTS OF VIOLENCE WHICH ARE LIABLE TO CAUSE THE
DEATH OF A PERSON OR TO INJURE THEM, OR THREATS OF SUCH ACTS OF VIOLENCE.
TWO, A PERSON WHO TAKES PART IN THE MANAGEMENT OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
OR PARTICIPATES IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION SHALL BE
LIABLE TO IMPRISONMENT FROM FIVE TO TWENTY YEARS, OR WHO IS A MEMBER OF A
TERRORIST ORGANIZATION SHALL BE LIABLE TO IMPRISONMENT FROM ONE TO FIVE
YEARS, OR WHO SUPPORTS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION BY WORD OR DEED SHALL BE
LIABLE TO IMPRISONMENT UP TO THREE YEARS, OR A FINE UP TO ONE THOUSAND
POUNDS OR TO BOTH SUCH PENALTIES. THREE, ALL PROPERTY BELONGING TO OR
SERVING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION SHALL BE FORFEITED TO THE STATE. FOUR,
THE TYPE OF EVIDENCE NECESSARY TO PROVE OFFENCES UNDER THESE REGULATIONS
EFFECTIVE ONLY AFTER 14 MAY 1948, SUCH EVIDENCE BEING LESS STRICT THAN
EVIDENCE REQUIRED UNDER GENERAL RULES OF EVIDENCE. FIVE, ALL CASES
BROUGHT UNDER THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BE TRIED BY A MILITARY COURT APPOINTED
BY THE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF. SIX, THE ARGUMENT OF THE COURT SHALL BE
SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE DEFENCE MINISTER. SEVEN, THESE REGULATIONS SHALL
NOT DEROGATE FROM THE CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY OF A PERSON WHO COMMITS AN
OFFENCE CONTRARY TO ANY OTHER LAW.

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