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CABLEGRAM RECEIVED 21 MAY 1948 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
TRUCE COMMISSION FOR PALESTINE ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

MAJOR HERZOG, JEWISH AGENCY MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER, REQUESTED TRUCE
COMMISSION TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SECURITY COUNCIL:

"ON THE 19TH MAY THE ARAB LEGION OPENED FIRE WITH 25 POUND GUNS AND
CANNON FROM ARMoured VEHICLES ON THE HADASSAH HOSPITAL. THE GUNFIRE WAS
DIRECTLY AIMED AND SHELLS PENETRATED AND CAUSED STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO
BUILDINGS INCLUDING WARDS. THE JEWISH AGENCY INFORMED THE INTERNATIONAL RED
CROSS AND THE US CONSUL GENERAL SINCE HOSPITAL IS US PROTECTED PROPERTY.
THE RED CROSS HAS PREVIOUSLY INSPECTED THE BUILDINGS AND INFORMED THAT NO
MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE WITHIN THE HOSPITAL BUILDINGS, THOUGH GUARDS POSTED
IN GROUNDS AROUND."

THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL FOR
INVESTIGATION, SINCE HADASSAH HOSPITAL IS UNDER AMERICAN PROTECTION.

(SIGNED) WASSON
