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TELEGRAM DATED 23 MAY 1948 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
TRUCE COMMISSION ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Chairman of the Security Council Truce Commission instructs
me to transmit the following message to you:

*23 May.

In order to comply with the wish contained in the last paragraph
of your cablegram HQPC dated 18 May, we wish to be in a position to
supply you with substantial daily report on the military situation in
Jerusalem drawn up in as competent a manner as possible.

To do this we shall need:

1. Military advisers capable of coordinating and above all verifying
as far as possible information received from the most diverse sources.
I consider it essential that such officers should possess some experience
of the Arab world.

2. I consider that for the time being three officers will be sufficient.

3. As to their rank, I consider that one Colonel and two Majors
are indicated.

In view of the state of public opinion it would be better to avoid
choosing British officers.

Owing to the isolation of Jerusalem, where we are practically cut
off from other areas of Palestine, we do not think it will be possible for
us under present circumstances to keep the Council supplied with the most
reliable information possible concerning the changes in the situation in
the rest of the country; it would seem that it will be for the Council to
find the best means of obtaining such information.

Joan Nieuwenhuys Chairman of the Security Council Truce Commission
in Palestine."