

INFORMATION ON KANTARA & SINAI - JUN - AUG 1967 ^{25 June 1967 -} 14 Aug. 1967

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EL ARISH: *Refugees of the former Egyptian "2 million"*
 1972. *Hospital - Egyptians*
Chief of Police Capt Rone'
EL KANTARA: *Chief of Police*
Chief of Camp

Draft
 H. Morsink
 13 August 1967

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NOTES FOR TOUR TO SINAI

(Egyptian estimate of population 100,000)

Selected Localities

3 main Egyptian complaints:

El Arish 20,000? (15,000 + 5,000?)

1) Mr. Gohar, "Population starving".

Pontifical Mission promised help but nothing received as yet.

Israelis allegedly try to put responsibility for supply of food on Egypt.

2) Money

3) Egyptians from a) Egypt 5,000? (ICRC chg. UNAR access, but UNAR checking list of 5-550 UNAR discharges, ICRC complicated)

El Kantara

A. Water Problem

Mr. Fiky -

"(1) Israeli troops use the wells"

"(2) Requests United Nations Secretary-General to stop them from doing so"

1) water short
 2) most water
 worse shortage

Technical information according to Egyptian experts:

Population 1500 (12-1300) 87 (asht to cross canal, to ex-Egyptian canal)
 If each person needs 10 to 15 litres of water a day, a total of 15,000 litres per day is required.

On the supply, the situation is:

- (1) The town of Kantara itself has at least 3 times as much water available
- (2) Within a radius of 40 to 60 km. around Kantara, there are many wells which were especially made for use by Egyptian troops. Each of these wells gives 30 to 50 cubic metres per day and altogether would, by themselves, already supply more than twice the actual need of the Kantara population
- (3) Moreover, there are wells along the shore line

It was pointed out that, from a health angle, the available water can be used upon application of simple decontaminants (for example, chlora).

El Kantara (continued)

B. Expelling of Palestinians

persons first 5 days.

Up to 1,000 persons per day and some 2,400 in the period 19 to 24 June. A cable on the matter has been sent on 21 June to the Secretary-General.

Egypt asks the United Nations to condemn Israel; to stop expelling Palestinians; to take back those who have been expelled; to provide compensation.

C. No more doctors

transit
15 more hospitals, 1120 + 50 + 5000 + 5000 + 5000
transfer to West.

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NOTES FOR TOUR OF SINAI

General Issues

- (a) Israel allegedly tries to put the responsibility on Egypt for supplying:
- (1) Food (for instance, to El Arish)
 - (2) Water (for example, East Kantara)
 - (3) Cash (according to Mr. Fiky, the Israelis took in the Sinai 1 million Egyptian pounds out of banks and in addition 400,000 Egyptian pounds from the armed forces, the latter had been provided to the troops pending salary payments.

(Israeli gave receipts; Israeli also tried to pay accounts)

(b) Ships

Mr. Gohar -

"UNRWA planned to send a ship of food to Gaza from Port Said on 18 August"

Mr. Fiky -

"Egypt will hold a ship intended to sail for El Arish with 500 tons of wheat and 500 tons of sugar until question of principle concerning responsibility for food supplies has been solved"

(c) Refugees

Mr. Gohar -

"Refugees wish to return"

"Refugees have the 'right' to return"

"Egyptian Government will 'facilitate' return but not 'force' return"

UNRWA demand to know

برقية الصليب الاحمر يوم ٦٧/٧/١٢ بخصوص طلب اسرائيل استئناف
ضخ المياه من الضفة الغربية

GENEVE

MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS - CAIRO

AS NO OTHER INTERMEDIARY NAMELY PROTECTING POWER WE
TRANSMIT HEREWITH FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ISRAEL GOVERNMENT
QUOTTHE CIVILIAN POPULATION AT QANTARA HAS ALWAYS BEEN
SUPPLIED WITH WATER FROM THE WESTERN BANK OF SUEZ CANAL STOP
ON JULY 1ST STOP THE AUTHORITIES CUT OF THIS WATER SUPPLY
SEE 199 P022269374 MINISTRY

AND ISRAEL WAS INFORMED BY DR ZARLUL THAT EGHT IS READY TO
RECEIVE THE CIVILIAN INHANTANTS FROM QANTARA AS THEY REALISE
THAT ISRAEL IS NOT IN A POSITION TO SUPPLIE THE POPULATION
WITH WATER STOP THE ISRAEL GOVERNMENT'S VIEW IS THAT WATER
SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION
OF QANTARA AS IN THE PAST STOP IF THE EGYPTIANS AUTHORITIES
INSIST HOWEVER IN REFUSING TO RESUME THE WATERSUPPLIES WE
AGREE TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATIONS CROSSING THE CANAL TO THE
WEST BANK UNQUOTE PLEASE CABLE REPLY INTERCROIXROUGE B37

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El Qantara

Already on 29 July, on the occasion of my first visit to Cairo, the question of the water in El Qantara was discussed at great length. Mr. Fiky, assisted by specialist engineers, tried to persuade me that the civilian population in East El Qantara (about 15,000 inhabitants before the war) had always lived from the water in the wells in the city, whereas water only for the Egyptian troops was pumped over from the West Bank of the Canal.

Refugees from El Qantara, whom we met in Egypt, told us that the population of East Qantara had always received their drinking water from the West Bank.

When visiting El Qantara on 14 August it became quite clear that the whole water system (tap water) of the city was connected with and dependent on the West Bank. According to the inhabitants, it had been like this since 1914 and even longer. The water in the wells had always been used only for watering their gardens, etc. Now they were forced to drink the well water - boiled - which looked very unappetizing.

The inhabitants (remaining about 1,200 persons) also complained about scarcity of meat and vegetables, which they had always received from the West Bank, and they also asked for the doctor to come more often. The Israelis promised to look into the latter, but said they had no possibilities to transport vegetables to El Qantara. Also their own troops received such things very rarely.

At the meeting on 26 August in Cairo, I tried, as a personal suggestion, to persuade the Egyptians to pump over water and send some vegetables only to their own people on the other side. I promised that if the Israelis would agree to such an operation I would see to it that the water and the vegetables were distributed to the civilians under reliable control. Under-Secretary Fiky tried to turn this to a statement to the effect that the Israelis were not complying with the Geneva Conventions and giving the people to drink

and eat. I answered that the remaining civilian population in El Qantara were doing exactly what he, Mr. Fiky, had told me they had always been doing, namely, drinking the water from the wells. Since I felt this as unsatisfactory, I had, on my own, asked the Egyptians if they were willing to help their own people. As far as food was concerned, the population of El Qantara received the basic food, but I had wished to improve this if possible, since they were a poor lot quite alone in the very front line. I had now noted that the answer was 'No' on both points. I also stressed that these people were not maltreated by the Israelis.

Visit to President of
the Municipality, El Kantara
14 Aug, 2.50 p.m.

The President of the Municipality stated that the population of Kantara before the hostilities was 15,000, half of whom were Christian and the other half Muslim. The present population is 1,116.

He said that the health situation is very bad; they have no clinic; an Israeli military doctor comes once in a while; there is local female nurse, and a male nurse, both of whom are not qualified. Yesterday was the first day when the doctor has spent most of his time here. His visits are insufficient.

Mr. Tekoah explained that the entire medical service in this area is organized in such a way that when there is need for the doctor, he is called; every particular section has a doctor.

The President of the Municipality said that there was a hospital in the past, with 4 or 5 doctors, which was broken into and looted.

Water

The water which comes from the wells is very bad and it ^{was} ~~is~~ only ~~being~~ used for gardening. All the water used to come from the "other side"; in the past, they tried to drill wells and they went 25 m deep without being able to find good water. The system of water across the Canal started in 1914. Water supply was stopped when the Israeli troops entered town.

Food

The President of the Municipality stating that they are only getting flour, sugar and tea from the Israel authorities. At present there is a shortage of vegetables and fruits, which in the past used to be brought from the other side, as well as of meat. All shops are closed.

More than 2/3 of the remaining approx. 1200 wrote a petition to the Red Cross through the military authorities to go to the other side (the petition is from more than 900). There has been no reply from the Red Cross as yet. Gen. Dayan is said to have told the population that, since

the UAR is not giving them water and food, they would not get anything from the Israeli authorities and that is why they want to go. Mr. Tekoah said that the official position of Israel was to try and get the Egyptians to renew the water supplies for the population and that it is up to the population to leave if they so desire.

The President of the Municipality said that about 50 or 60 inhabitants are working with the UN Observers. Mr. Tekoah said that some of them are working with the Israeli army, but not on a permanent basis. He added that many of them are not fit to work, the majority being women, children and old people: 270 heads of family; women and children form about 70% of the population.

Only one person has left after the end of the hostilities. He went to the other side to deliver a letter to the Egyptian authorities regarding the situation. He never came back.

The population complains that they are not receiving letters.

The water was supplied from the other side until 25 June.

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The party then proceeded to the HQ of the UN Observers and called on Major Skinner, the Officer-in-Charge.

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Qantara

les décrire. La population, se montant à environ 1.300 personnes, ne semblait pas, malgré un certain rationnement, souffrir de la soif. Plusieurs puits fonctionnaient régulièrement dans la ville. L'eau n'était pas déclarée dangereuse. Enfin, les familles interrogées envisageaient avec inquiétude l'idée de devoir quitter leurs maisons.

Récemment, les autorités militaires nous ont indiqué que 125 familles, soit environ 500 personnes, seraient disposées à passer sur l'autre rive. Cette information devra être vérifiée. Toutefois, en raison de l'attitude égyptienne relative aux rapatriements, je ne vois pas que ce projet pourra être mis à exécution. Cette population est protégée par la IVe Convention, qui insiste, dans l'art. 55, sur l'obligation de la Puissance occupante d'assurer l'approvisionnement de la population en vivres et en produits médicaux. Cependant, l'expression "dans toute la mesure de ses moyens" qui introduit l'article, constitue en l'occurrence, et en raison de la position stratégique et géographique d'El Qantara, une réserve importante qui ne manquera pas, du côté israélien, d'être soulignée.

Kantara

Mr. Boisard was in Kantara three days ago and he asked the Egyptian population. He was told that water was just enough to drink; they are drinking the water from the wells. Maybe in the coming months this will be a problem. The Israeli troops are bringing water in trucks. Mr. Boisard suspects that the soldiers are using the wells. There are 1200 to 1300 people, Egyptians from Sinai, in Kantara, and the Israelis wish to get rid of them because of the water and also because of the food. They are on the borderline and so the Israelis are trying to let them go. 871 people agree to cross; a former Egyptian civil servant made a list and gave it to the ICRC, but Egypt is not ready to take them.

There are no more doctors left in Kantara and there is no hospital. There are about 15 sick or in need of medical treatment in Kantara. The Israelis are ready to let them go.


Even if the Israeli troops used less water, in the coming months the water will not be sufficient for the civilian population. A few years ago a pipeline had been installed going from West to East Kantara. When the Israeli army arrived in East Kantara, they used the water from the pipeline and Egypt closed it.

INCOMING MESSAGE

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To : Gussing, UNRWA Beirut
Info : Michelmore, Beirut
From : Bunche, UNATIONS, New York
Date : 13 July 1967
No : 241



Following letter dated 13 July addressed to Secretary General by
UAR PermRep:

"Excellency, I have the honour to inform you, upon instructions from my Government, that the International Committee for the Red Cross has informed the United Arab Republic authorities that the Israeli forces threatened to expel all United Arab Republic citizens residing Kantara East to the West Bank of the Suez Canal in case the United Arab Republic did not provide water to the eastern bank of the canal in order to enable the inhabitants to get their supplies of water.

In this connection, I wish to inform you that the population of Kantara has always drawn its water supplies from the Artesian wells in the area. Extra water supplies from the West Bank to the East Bank were furnished only to meet the needs of the United Arab Republic armed forces after they moved into Sinai, whereas the civilian population whether in Kantara or in Sinai always depended on waters from these Artesian wells. The present shortage in the water supply is due to the fact that Israel has been pumping water only for the use of its armed forces and thereby foster its military ends.

It is therefore incumbent upon the Israeli authorities to

allow the civilian population in Kantara and in Sinai to continue to draw on the well water of the area for their needs and subsistence. Any interference with the water supply at the expense of the indigenous population is a criminal and inhuman act.

Your Excellency must recall that on a previous occasion the Israeli authorities threatened that, unless the United Arab Republic authorities provided the stragglers in Sinai with the necessary water, they would leave them to their fate dying of thirst. Water containers were duly expedited to the Eastern Bank of the canal but unfortunately were seized by the Israeli forces and used for their own purposes while the stragglers were left without water.

I would be very grateful if you would kindly take the appropriate steps to eliminate the hardships and sufferings of the civilian population of Kantara.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration." Mohamed Awad el Kony, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Republic to the United Nations.

رد الوزارة الى جنيف يوم ٦٧/٧/٦٣

Mission de la République Arabe Unie-Genève

Prière de communiquer la note suivante au Comité International de la Croix Rouge:

En référence au télégramme n° 139 en date du 12 Juillet relatif à la menace lancés par Israel de ne point approvisionner les civils d' El-Kantara en eau ou de les expulser vers la rive occidentale du Canal de Suez.

1- Israel prétend que l'eau a, de tout temps, été fournie aux civils qui habitent El-Kantara par la rive occidentale, ce qui est inexact car, depuis des milliers d'années, l'eau est fournie à ces habitants et à ceux des autres régions du Sinai au moyen des puits.

2- La canalisation des eaux de la rive occidentale vers la rive orientale du Canal de Suez avait pour but d'alimenter nos troupes armées en direction du Sinai et non les habitants d'El-Kantara ou des autres régions de Sinai.

3- L'usurpation par Israel des puits à El-Kantara causa la privation en eau des habitants d'El-Kantara, sinon ceux-ci n'auraient pas souffert du manque d'eau.

4- Israel essaye au moyen de ces menaces de camoufler son usurpation de tout ce qui tombe sous sa main dans les régions occupées et de justifier son non-approvisionnement des civils en eau et en nourriture conformément aux Conventions de Geneve.

Le Caire 13 7.67

E.E. U THANT
SECRETARY GENERAL
UNITED NATIONS

25 JUNE 1967

WITH REFERENCE TO MY CABLE DATED 21st JUNE CONCERNING THE ISRAELI CAMPAIGN OF EXPULSION OF PALESTINIANS COMMA I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RECEIVED ON THE 24TH OF JUNE A CABLE FROM MR MICHELMORE COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF UNRWA IN ANSWER TO MY CABLE ON THE MATTER ON THE 21ST JUNE COMMA INFORMING ME THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO JERUSALEM ON 12 TH JUNE COMMA HE RAISED WITH THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF THE EX EXPULSION OF REFUGEES AND THAT " HE WAS CATEGORICALLY ASSURED THAT IT WAS NOT THE GOVERNMENTS POLICY TO EXPEL THE REFUGEES " AND THAT HE HAS SO REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN DOCUMENT A/6723 STOP PARA IN THIS REGARD I WISH TO REITERATE WHAT I HAVE ALREADY STATED IN MY AFOREMENTIONED CABLE THAT AND ISRAEL HAS EMBARKED ON THIS HATED POLICY OF AGGRESSION AND VIOLATION AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS COMMA AS A PART OF ITS GLOBAL SCHEME OF ARMED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE UAR COMMA SYRIA AND JORDAN STOP ON 19 JUNE THEY EXPELLED 225 ON 20TH 458 ON 21ST 884 ON 23RD 712 TILL THE AFTERNOON OF 24TH 123 WITH A TOTAL WITH IN FIVE DAYS OF 2402. THE FIGURE IS STILL INCREASING STOP PARA MOREOVER ISRAEL IS CONTINUING ITS POLICY OF EXTERMINATING THE INNOCENT PEOPLE OF GAZA STOP THE CAMPAIGN OF KILLING AND MASSACRES COMMA WITH A VIEW TO SPRED HAVOC AND TERROR COMMA IS STILL GOING ON STOP ALL THIS IS UNDERTAKEN WHILE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS CONVENED TO TACKLE THE ISRAELI ARMED AGGRESSION STOP THEIR SOLE PURPOSE SEEMS TO BE NO OTHER THAN TO BRING A FAIT ACCOMPLI IN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PALESTINIANS IN GAZA TO THE LOWEST POSSIBLE FIGURE COMMA A POLICY IN WHICH ISRAEL HAS BECOME FULLY VERSED STOP PARA IT IS THUS APPARENT THAT THEIR DENIAL IS NO MORE THAN ANOTHER LIE IN THE SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN ON WHICH ISRAEL EMBARKED TO MISLEAD THE WORLD AND ITS MOST RESPECTED ORGANIZATION STOP PARA SUCH AN AGGRESSION AND VIOLATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS AS WELL AS HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS OF PEOPLES COMMA ESPECIALLY REFUGEES WHO ARE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE UNITED NATIONS CAN NEITHER BE CONDONED NOR IGNORED STOP PARA IT IS IMPERATIVE IN THE OPINION OF MY GOVERNMENT THAT NECESSARY STEPS MUST BE TAKEN BY UNRWA AND UNITED NATIONS AT LARGE TO ENCOUNTER AND REPEL THAT VIOLATION STOP PARA I HAVE EQUALLY CABLED MR MICHEIMORE IN ANSWER OF HIS

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MAHMOUD RIAD
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

25 JUNE 1967

H.E. LAURENCE MICHELMORE
COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF UNRAWA
BEYROUT LEBANON

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H.E. MAMOUH RIAD MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS CAIRO (UAR)

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY U THANT
UNITED NATIONS , N.Y.

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I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT ISRAEL HAS EXPELLED TODAY AT 13.00 LOCAL TIME THROUGH THE CEASE FIRE LINE AT KANTRA FOUR HUNDRED AND FIVE PALESTINIANS STOP ISRAEL STATED THAT THIS FIGURE TO BE COMPLETED TO 1,000 PALESTINIANS BY THE END OF THE DAY AND THAT THEY WILL EXPEL SEVERAL THOUSANDS MORE ON THE BASIS OF A THOUSAND PER DAY STOP PARA SUCH ACTION CONSTITUTES A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE SUCCESSIVE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY YEAR AFTER YEAR COMMA CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF THE REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES COMMA THE LAST OF WHICH IS RESOLUTION 2154 (XXI) OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY STOP PARA FURTHERMORE COMMA THIS LATEST ACTION BY ISRAEL CAME WITHIN A WEEK IN COMPLETE DISREGARD AND DISRESPECT TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NUMBER 237 ADOPTED ON THE 14 TH OF JUNE 1967 STOP PARA WHILE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS CONVENED IN AN URGENT SESSION TO DEAL WITH THE ISRAELI ARMED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE ARAB COUNTRIES COMMA NO INTERPRETATION COULD BE GIVEN TO THE LATEST ISRAELI ACTION OF FORCEFUL EXPULSION OF PALESTINE REFUGEES COMMA OTHER THAN SHEER CONTEMPT AND DISREGARD TO THE PRESTIGE AND AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL STOP PARA IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE COMMA THE UNITED NATIONS MUST COMMA IN THE OPINION OF MY GOVERNMENT COMMA UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO :

- a) CONDEMN THE SAID ACTION OF ISRAEL AS A GROSS VIOLATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL STOP
- b) DIRECT ISRAEL TO STOP ALL SUCH ACTIONS STOP
- c) DIRECT IT TO TAKE BACK ALL REFUGEES AFFECTED BY SUCH ACTION AND ASSURE THEM SAFE DWELLING AND LIVING IN THEIR ORIGINAL HOMES STOP
- d) DIRECT ISRAEL TO PAY COMPENSATION TO ALL THOSE WHO HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY THAT ACTION FOR THE DAMAGES THEY SUSTAINED STOP

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COMMUNICATE THE ABOVE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND CIRCULATE MY LETTER AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS STOP PLEASE SIR ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATIONS

MAHMOUD RIAD
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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TO H.E. LAURENCE MICHELMORE
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STOP PARA AS UNRWA IS THE BODY VESTED WITH THE AUTHORITY
TO LOOK AFTER COMMA AND SAFEGUARD THE PALESTINE REFUGEES
AND THEIR RIGHTS ACCORDING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
302 DATED 8 DECEMBER 1948 COMMA I AM SURE YOU READILY
AGREE WITH ME THAT THE LATEST ACTION OF ISRAEL IS A GROSS
VIOLATION OF THE SUCCESSIVE RESOLUTIONS BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY COMMA THE LATEST OF WHICH IS RESOLUTION 2154/21
AS WELL AS SECURITY COUNCIL RESQUTION 237 DATED 14TH
JUNE 1967 STOP PARA IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE COMMA THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE UAR COMMA DEEMS IT NECESSARY THAT UNRWA INTER-
VENES IMMEDIATELY TO THE EFFECT THAT SUCH ACTION BY ISRAEL
BE STOPPED FORTHWITH COMMA THAT ANY REFUGEES AFFECTED BY
SUCH ACTION BE RETURNED IMMEDIATLY TO THEIR HOMES AND
DULY COMPENSATED FOR THE DAMAGES THEY SUSTAINED STOP
I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL SHOULD YOU INFORM ME OF THE STEPS
TAKEN BY UNRWA TO PUT INTO EFFECT THE OBLIGATIONS VESTED
IN IT BY AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
STOP PARA PLEASE FIND COMMA ENCLOSED HEREWITH COMMA COPY
OF MY MESSAGE COMMA ADDRESSED TO U THANT COMMA SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS STOP PLEASE COMMA SIR COMMA
ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATIONS STOP

MAHMOUD RIAD
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TO HIS EXCELLENCY
SAMUEL ALEXANDRE GONARD
PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS
7 AVENUE DE LA PAIX
GENEVE - SWITZERLAND.

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT ISRAEL HAS
EXPULSED TODAY AT 13.00 LOCAL TIME THROUGH THE CEASE
FIRE LINE AT KANTARA FOUR HUNDRED AND FIVE PALESTINIANS
STOP ISRAEL STATED THAT THIS FIGURE TO BE COMPLETED TO
1,000 PALESTINIANS BY THE END OF THE DAY AND THAT
THEY WILL EXPEL SEVERAL THOUSANDS MORE ON THE BASIS
OF A THOUSAND PER DAY STOP PARA SUCH ACTION COULD
NOT BE CONSIDERED OTHER THAN A GROSS VIOLATION OF
RESOLUTION 194(III) PARA 11 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AS WELL AS THE SUCCESSIVE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY YEAR AFTER YEAR COMMA CONCERNING
THE RIGHT OF THE REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES
COMMA THE LAST OF WHICH IS RESOLUTION 2154 (XXI) OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY STOP FURTHERMORE COMMA THIS
LATEST ACTION BY ISRAEL CAME WITHIN A WEEK IN COMPLETE
DISREGARD AND DISRESPECT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO 237 ADOPTED ON THE 14TH OF JUNE 1967
STOP PARA THE UAR GOVERNMENT CALLS ON THE RED CROSS TO
INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO MEET THE SITUATION
CREATED BY THIS LATEST ISRAELI AGGRESSION STOP PARA
PLEASE COMMA SIR ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATIONS STOP

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