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TELEGRAM DATED 27 MAY 1948 FROM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF EGYPT ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO BRING THE FOLLOWING TEXT TO YOUR NOTICE:

ON 26 MAY THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES ARRESTED TWO ZIONIST AGENTS AT GAZA WHO ADMITTED THAT THEY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE COMMANDER OF THE JEWISH COLONY OF DEHEROT TO CONTAMINATE THE SPRINGS FROM WHICH THE EGYPTIAN TROOPS AT GAZA DRAW THEIR WATER SUPPLY AND THAT THEY HAD ACTUALLY DROPPED TYPHOID AND DYSENTERY GERMS INTO THE WELLS LYING TO THE EAST OF THAT TOWN. THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES POSSESS THE WRITTEN ADMISSION OF THEIR ACTS AND WILL IMMEDIATELY COMMUNICATE IT TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS. THESE FACTS ONLY CONFIRM ONCE AGAIN THAT THE ARMIES OF THE ARAB STATES ARE NOT FIGHTING REGULAR FORCES IN PALESTINE WHOSE CONDUCT CONFORMS TO THE LAW OF NATIONS BUT TERRORIST BANDS RESPECTING NEITHER LAW NOR RELIGION. IN EXPOSING THESE FACTS BEFORE THE CONSCIENCE OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT IS CONVINCED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS SIGNATORIES TO THE GENEVA PROTOCOL OF 17 JUNE 1925 CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF ASPHYCIATING, POISON AND SIMILAR GASES AND BACTERIOLOGICAL METHODS IN WARFARE WILL JOIN IT IN CONDEMNING METHODS WHICH CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF A PROHIBITION UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED AS PART AND PARCEL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND A CRIMINAL INFRINGEMENT OF THE MORAL CODE OF PEOPLES AND OF INTERNATIONAL USAGE.

(Signed) MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
KINGDOM OF EGYPT

