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UNITED NATIONS PALESTINE COMMISSION
Communication Received from United Kingdom
Delegation Concerning Cost of Maintaining
Special Police Force for Jerusalem

The following communications concerning the most of maintaining a special police force for Jerusalem, has been received from Mr. Fletcher-Cooke of the United Nations Delegation.

UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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New York 1, N.Y.

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6th April, 1948,

My dear Bunche,

May I refer you to my [letter of the 1st April](#) on the subject of a Police Force for Jerusalem.

2. You will recall that in sub-paragraph (v) of paragraph 2 of his official [letter of the 30th January](#), to the Chairman of the Commission, Sir Alexander Cadogan gave certain information as to the cost of a Security Force of one thousand non-Jewish, non-Arab personnel. It was stated that a force of this size would cost more than LP40,000 per mensem, *excluding* the cost of accommodation, arms and ammunition, and the capital cost of transport. It was also stated that a mixed municipal force of 300 Arabs and 300 Jews would cost about LP12,000 per mensem.

3. On or about the 20 March, I received a verbal enquiry from another of your staff who was engaged on certain work connected with the preparation of the Jerusalem Statute as to what other costs would be involved in maintaining a special Jerusalem City Police Force of one thousand non-Palestinians. This information has now reached me is as follows:-

(1) On the assumption that accommodation, arms, ammunition and transport will be available from the assets of the Palestine Police Force for immediate use by the new Jerusalem Force if and when it is formed, the annual cost of maintaining this "capital" equipment (in addition to the sum of LP40,000 per mensem referred to above) would be

(a) Rent for accommodation	LP 21,000 per annum
(b) Maintenance of this accommodation	LP 5,000 per annum
(c) Cost of replacing arms and ammunition	LP 8,000 per annum
(d) Cost of maintaining and replacing transport	LP 20,000 per annum
Total..	LP 54,000* per annum
	(say, LP 5,000 per annum)

(2) This would give a total figure for the maintenance of one thousand non-Palestinians of LP45,000 per mensem or LP540,000 per annum.

4. A note explaining how this figure of LP.54,000 per annum is arrived at is enclosed.

Yours sincerely
(signed) JOHN FLETCHER-COOKE
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NOTE
ACCOMMODATION.

The present strength of the British Police in Jerusalem is approximately 1,000 and, therefore, it is suggested that the accommodation at present occupied by British Police personnel would form a convenient basis for calculating the requirements in respect of 1,000 non-Palestinian Police, with costs as in the last financial year.

<u>Rent Financial Year 1947/8)</u>	
	LP.
General Billet	6,000
Anglo-Palestine Bank Buildings	2,000
Slihit Building (Officer & C.I.D. Billet)	6,600
Police Headquarters (Russian Compound)	3,800
German Colony Police Station	180
Greek Colony Billet	285
Carmelite Monastery Billet	900
Mustashfa Police Station	326
Mearshrim Police Station and Billet	275
Total..	LP 20,366
Maintenance (Actual Expenditure – Financial Year 1947/8)	
Force Training Centre (Government owned.)	1,000
New Secretariat Buildings Government owned	500
General Billet	200
Anglo-Palestine Bank Buildings	100
Slihit Building (Offices & C.I.D. Billet)	150
Police Headquarters (Russian compound)	150
German Colony Police Station	25
Greek Colony Billet	20
Carmelite Monastery Billet	200
Mustashfa Police Station	35
Meashorim Police Station	65
Total..	LP 2,445

The Director of Public Works advised increasing the estimate to LP 5,000 to allow for contingencies.

ARMS & AMMUNITION

Assuming that the scale of arms for the Net Force will be similar to that of the Palestine Police Force, and that the allowance of ammunition for training purposes will also be similar to that of the Palestine Police Force, then the approximate annual cost of maintaining armaments will be as follows:-

Arms spares	500
Armourers' tools	150
Training stores	100
Training ammunition	7,000
Total ..	LP 7,750

2. The present allowance of ammunition for training is much greater than that of the British Army.

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