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DESTRUCTION OF THE LATRUN PUMPING STATION

For President of Security Council:

Concerning my previous cablegram ([S/961](#)), I have just been informed that, according to the first investigation, Arab irregulars were responsible for completely destroying by demolition charges during the night of 11-12 August, the Latrun Pumping Station. An investigation is proceeding on this action which was made possible by lack of UN guards. Under these circumstances, the Provisional Government of Israel has been authorized to postpone compliance with my decision concerning the withdrawal of Jewish lines in the Latrun sector which was also communicated to the Security Council in document S/961.

Count Folke Bernadotte

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