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CABLEGRAM DATED 16 APRIL 1949 FROM THE ACTING MEDIATOR TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING DECLARATIONS BY
ISRAEL AND SYRIA CONCERNING THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT

For President of Security Council:

I have honour to report that following identical declarations addressed to M. Henri Vigier as my representative and Chairman of Israeli-Syrian armistice negotiations were signed by heads of two delegations and exchanged 13 April. These declarations developed out of Syrian proposal for a formal ceasefire agreement. As preliminary to armistice negotiations, and as indicated, both parties wish them communicated to Security Council.

Declaration made on behalf of Israel reads

"I have the honour to make to you the following declaration on behalf of Israel:

"Israel accepts and confirms the resolution of the Security Council of 15 July 1948 as a measure which forbids any recourse to military force of any form. Such a measure will remain effective so long as the Security Council has not expressly abrogated it.

"It is understood that such a measure obligates the interested parties to grant every facility to United Nations observers in order to allow them to ensure a complete and effective supervision of the ceasefire.

"I should be grateful if you would communicate this declaration to the interested parties and the Security Council.

(Signed) ALOUF MAKLEFF"

Declaration made on behalf of Syria reads:

"J'ai l'honneur de vous faire la déclaration suivante au nom de la Syrie.

"Le Syrie accepte et consacre la résolution du Conseil de Sécurité du 15 juillet 1948, comme mesure qui interdit tout recours à la force militaire sous n'importe quelle forme. Cette mesure demeure efficace tant que le Conseil de Sécurité ne l'aura pas expressément abrogée.

"Il est bien entendu que cette mesure oblige les parties intéressées à accorder toutes facilités aux observateurs des Nations Unies pour leur permettre d'assurer un contrôle du cessez le feu complet et efficace.

"Je vous serais reconnaissant de communiquer cette déclaration à la partie intéressée et au Conseil de Sécurité.

(Signed) Le Président de la
Délégation Syrienne,
FEZI SELO"

The armistice negotiations will be formally resumed on 21 April.

(Signed) RALPH BUNCHE
Acting Mediator
