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Communication Received from Secretariat
Advance Party, Jerusalem

The following telegraphic communication has been received
from the Secretariat Advance Party, Jerusalem.

"FROM JERUSALEM 8 MARCH 1948

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UNPC 2 CONVERSATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES ALREADY ENGAGED
ABOUT FOLLOWING MATTERS FIRST ACCOMMODATION COMMISSION. ARE HOPEFUL
ABOUT POSSIBILITY KING DAVID AS DEFINITE SEAT BUT STILL NOTHING FULLY
SATISFACTORY AS PROVISIONAL SEAT BETWEEN ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE BRITISH
SECOND MILITARY SECURITY MATTERS. THIRD TRANSFER PUBLIC SERVICES.
AUTHORITIES HERE SEEM FAVOURABLE TO ACCEPTANCE NEW MANAGING STAFF
APPOINTED BY COMMISSION FOR IMPORTANT PUBLIC SERVICES RAILWAYS ETC
COMING HERE AT ONCE IN ORDER BEING ABLE TAKE OVER MANAGEMENT BY END
MANDATE WITH MINIMUM DISTURBANCE WORKING SERVICES FOURTH ECONOMICS
FINANCIAL. GENERAL BUDGETARY POSITION FOR PERIOD TO MAY 15 NOT UN-
SATISFACTORY BUT COMPLETELY OVERSHADOWED ONLY SPECIAL TERMINAL EXPENSES.
FIRDAY HIGH COMMISSIONER OFFERED RECEPTION WHERE MEMBERS MISSION MET
MOST IMPORTANT BRITISH OFFICIALS PERSONALITIES. IMMEDIATE DOMESTIC
PROBLEMS ON WAY SOLUTION BUT FROM WORKING POINT OF VIEW ACCOMMODATION
STILL FAR FROM SATISFACTORY. FIRST CONTACTS GIVE IMPRESSION COLLABO-
RATION WITH PALESTINIAN ADMINISTRATION WILL BE QUITE SATISFACTORY.
SITUATION JERUSALEM FAIRLY CALM. ARE IN VERY GOOD SPIRIT AND WITH
GREAT HOPES POSITIVE RESULTS MISSION FULLER REPORT FOLLOWS BY BAG.
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