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Communication Received from Jewish
Community Council, Jerusalem

The following telegraphic communication, concerning alleged Arab attacks
on a Jewish ambulance unit, has been received from the President of the Jewish
Community Council, Jerusalem.

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CONVOY OF MOTOR VEHICLES INCLUDING AMBULANCES CONVEYING DOCTORS NURSES AND
OTHER MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO HADASAH HOSPITAL AND ACADEMIC STAFF INCLUDING SCIENTISTS
TO UNIVERSITY ON MOUNT SCOPUS JERUSALEM WAS BRUTALLY ATTACKED APRIL 13 BY LARGE ARAB
GANGS INCLUDING IRAQI SOLDIERS. CASUALTIES APPROXIMATELY THIRTYFIVE DEAD TWENTY
WOUNDED UNKNOWN NUMBER MISSING REPRESENT CRIPPLING LOSS TO MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC
POTENTIAL OF PALESTINE. ATTACK TOOK PLACE WITHIN HUNDRED YARDS OF BRITISH ARMY POST,
CONTINUING FOR SIX HOURS UNDER VERY EYES BRITISH MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO FAILED
TAKE EFFECTIVE STEPS INTERVENE AND ACTUALLY PREVENTED HAGANA FORCES FROM COMING
TO RESCUE. ALL THIS DESPITE PRIOR ASSURANCES BY BRITISH CIVIL AND MILITARY
AUTHORITIES THAT ROAD SAFE AND PROTECTED. AS LONG AGO AS FEBRUARY WE DREW
ATTENTION OF DISTRICT COMMISSION JERUSALEM TO INSECURITY MOUNT SCOPUS ROAD AND
UNRELIABILITY OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THAT AREA BUT WITHOUT SLIGHTEST RESULT.
MY COUNCIL DESIRES REGISTER EMPHATIC PROTEST AGAINST THIS SAVAGE ARAB ATTACK
ON INNOCENT PERSONS AND AGAINST UTTER PASSIVITY AND DERELICTION OF MOST
ELEMENTARY DUTY BY BRITISH SECURITY FORCES. MY COUNCIL APPEALS TO YOU TO USE
ALL YOUR INFLUENCE TO PREVENT REPETITION SUCH UNPROVOKED OUTRAGES AND
SABOTAGE BY MANDATORY FORCES OF JEWISH SELFDEFENCE AND RESCUE ACTION.
CHAIM SALOMON PRESIDENT JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL JERUSALEM.