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UNITED NATIONS PALESTINE COMMISSION

Communication Received from United Kingdom Delegation Concerning <u>Food</u> <u>Supplies</u> for <u>Palestine</u>

The following communication, concerning arrangements made by the United Kingdom Government with Messrs. Steel Brothers for the purchase of food supplies for Palestine, has been received from Mr. J. Fletcher-Cooke of the United Kingdom Delegation.

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

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10th May 1948

My dear Bunche

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May I refer to my letter of the 30th April regarding a communication sent to Steel Brothers, Haifa on the 26th April.

I have been asked to bring to the notice of the Commission that His Majesty's Government reserves the right to off-set any amounts remitted by Stoel Brothers to the Crown Agents for the Colonies (in accordance with the instructions contained in the communication referred to above) against funds advanced to the Government of Palestine for food purchase.

I am sending a copy of this latter to Mr. Finn Mos, rapporteur of the Sub-Committee of the lat Committee of the General Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

J. Flatcher-Cooks (signed)

Dr. Ralph Bunche Principal Secretary to the United Mations Commission on Palestine United Mations, Lake Success, L.I.