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Communication Received from United Kingdom
Delegation Concerning Date of Termination
of the Mandate

The following communication, concerning the date of the
termination of the Mandate, has been received from Mr. Fletcher-
Cooke of the United Kingdom Delegation.

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Y UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

11th May 1948

My dear Bunche,

Would you be good enough to inform the Commission that the following communique will be released in Jerusalem at 1.50 p.m. (Palestine time) on the 12th May:-

"Legally the Mandate terminates immediately after midnight on the night of the 14th/15th May. In consequence, His Excellency the High Commissioner will leave Jerusalem for Haifa on 14th May and will sail from Haifa in H.M.S. "Lurysite" at midnight. The withdrawal of troops from Jerusalem and parts of Palestine will also commence on 14th May."

2. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Finn Moe, Rapporteur to the Sub-Committee of the First Committee of the General Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

/Sd/ J. Fletcher-Cooke

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche,
Principal Secretary to the United Nations
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United Nations,
Lake Success.