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UNITED NATIONS PALESTIES COMMISSION

Communication received from the United Kingdom Delegation concerning German Russy Property and other assets formerly under the control of the Palestine Custodian

The following communications, concerning German Enemy Property and other assets formerly under the control of the Palestine Custodian, has been received from Mr. Fletcher-Cooke of the United Kingdom Delegation.

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

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8th June, 1948.

My dear Cordier.

I understand that communications relating to matters previously dealt with by the United Estions Palestine Commission should now be addressed to you.

- 2. May I refer you to my Confidential letter to Bunche dated 20th April with which I enclosed for the information and consideration of the Commission a memorandum on German Enemy Property and other assets formerly under the control of the Palestine Custodian.
- 3. In paragraph 12 of that memorandum it was stated that the Anglo-Italian Property and Debts Agreement of 17th April, 1947 has been extended to Palestine although it would not be fulfilled when the United Kingdom Mandate ended.
- 4. Although it was the intention of His Majesty's Covernment to extend this agreement to Palestine before the termination of the Mandate this was not in fact done. I have therefore been asked to bring this matter to your notice and to ask you to be so good as to correct the memorandum accordingly.
- 5. I have been instructed to add that this correction is brought to your notice without prejudice to any action which His Majesty's Government may have to take as a result of the Commission's views as expressed in Bunche's letter to myself of the 12th May.

Your sincerely.

(Signed) J. FIETCHER-COOKE

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