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UNITED NATIONS PALESTINE COMMISSION

Communication from United Kingdom Delegation
Concerning Police Force for Jerusalem

The following communication, concerning suggestions by the United Kingdom Government as to suitable British candidates for the command of the proposed Police Force for Jerusalem, has been received from Mr. Fletcher-Cooke of the United Kingdom Delegation.

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My dear Bunche,

May I refer you to your letter of the 25th March in which you acknowledged receipt of my confidential letter of the 18th March on the subject of a Police Force for Jerusalem.

2. You will remember that in paragraph 4 of your official letter of the 11th February to Sir Alexander Cadogan, you stated that the Commission would welcome any suggestions from His Majesty's Government as to suitable persons who might be considered for the command of the proposed Jerusalem Police Force. His Majesty's Government have given this request very careful consideration but regret that they cannot see their way to suggesting a British candidate for the post of Chief of the Jerusalem City Police.

3. If, however, the Commission proceed with their efforts to recruit a special Police Force for Jerusalem and advertise this appointment on the terms indicated in part II of the "Report to the Trusteeship Council by the Committee on the Budgetary Implications of the Draft Statute" (Trusteeship Council document T/141 of the 5th March), His Majesty's Government would be prepared to advise the Commission as to the record of any volunteers forthcoming from the Palestine Police Force. His Majesty's Government are not, however, prepared to put forward any names themselves nor to recommend any officer for the appointment.

Yours sincerely

(signed) John Fletcher-Cooke
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