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Communication Received from United Kingdom  
Delegation Concerning Cost of Maintaining  
Special Police Force for Jerusalem

The following communication, concerning the cost of maintaining a special police force for Jerusalem, has been received from Mr. Fletcher-Cooke of the United Kingdom Delegation.

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UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
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My dear Banche,

May I refer you to my letter of the 1st April on the subject of a Police Force for Jerusalem.

2. You will recall that in sub-paragraph (v) of paragraph 2 of his official letter of the 30th January, to the Chairman of the Commission, Sir Alexander Cadogan gave certain information as to the cost of a Security Force of one thousand non-Jewish, non-Arab personnel. It was stated that a force of this size would cost more than LP40,000 per mensem, excluding the cost of accommodation, arms and ammunition, and the capital cost of transport. It was also stated that a mixed Municipal Force of 300 Arabs and 300 Jews would cost about LP12,000 per mensem.

3. On or about the 2nd March, I received a verbal enquiry from a member of your staff who was engaged on certain work connected with the preparation of the Jerusalem Statute as to what other costs would be involved in maintaining a special Jerusalem City Police Force of one thousand non-Palestinians. This information has now reached me and is as follows:-

(1) On the assumption that accommodation, arms, ammunition and transport will be available from the assets of the Palestine Police Force for immediate use by the new Jerusalem Force if and when it is formed, the annual cost of maintaining this "capital" equipment (in addition to the sum of LP40,000 per mensem referred to above) would be

(a) Rent for accommodation	LP21,000 per annum
(b) Maintenance of this accommodation	LP 5,000 " "
(c) Cost of replacing arms and ammunition	LP 8,000 " "
(d) Cost of maintaining and replacing transport	LP20,000 " "
Total ...	LP54,000* " "
(say,	LP 5,000 per mensem)

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(2) This would give a total figure for the maintenance of one thousand non-Palestinians of LP<sup>4</sup>5,000 per mensem or LP<sup>5</sup>40,000 per annua.

4. A note explaining how this figure\* of LP.5<sup>4</sup>,000 per annua is arrived at is enclosed.

Yours sincerely

(signed) JOHN FLETCHER-COOKE  
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NOTE.

ACCOMMODATION.

The present strength of the British Police in Jerusalem is approximately 1,000 and, therefore, it is suggested that the accommodation at present occupied by British Police personnel would form a convenient basis for calculating the requirements in respect of 1,000 non-Palestinian Police, with costs as in the last financial year.

Rent (Financial Year 1947/8)

	LP.
1. Generali Billet	6,000
2. Anglo-Palestine Bank Buildings	2,000
3. Slihit Building (Officer & C.I.D. Billet)	6,600
4. Police Headquarters (Russian Compound)	3,800
5. German Colony Police Station	180
6. Greek Colony Billet	285
7. Carmelite Monastery Billet	900
8. Mustashfa Police Station	326
9. Meashoria Police Station and Billet	275
Total ..	<u>LP 20,366</u>

Maintenance (Actual Expenditure - Financial Year 1947/8)

1. Force Training Centre (Government owned)	1,000
2. New Secretariat Buildings " "	500
3. Generali Billet	200
4. Anglo-Palestine Bank Buildings	100
5. Slihit Building (Offices & C.I.D. Billet)	150
6. Police Headquarters (Russian compound)	150
7. German Colony Police Station	25
8. Greek Colony Billet	20
9. Carmelite Monastery Billet	200
10. Mustashfa Police Station	35
11. Meashoria Police Station	65
Total ..	<u>LP 2,445</u>

The Director of Public Works advised increasing the estimate to LP 5,000 to allow for contingencies.

ARMS & AMMUNITION.

Assuming that the scale of arms for the New Force will be similar to that of the Palestine Police Force, and that the allowance of ammunition for training purposes will also be similar to that of the Palestine Police Force, then the approximate annual cost of maintaining armaments will be as follows:-

Arms spares	500
Armourers' tools	150
Training stores	100
Training ammunition	7,000
Total ..	<u>LP 7,750</u>

2. The present allowance of ammunition for training is much greater than that of the British Army.