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Cable dated 10 August 1951
addressed by the Chairman of the Conciliation Commission
to the Foreign Minister of Israel
and to the Foreign Ministers
of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, meeting in special session in Geneva, has decided to invite the Government of Israel and the Governments of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria to discuss with the Commission solutions to the problems outstanding between Israel and the Arab States.

During the period following the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of its resolution of 14 December 1950, the Palestine Conciliation Commission has continued to seek solutions for problems arising out of the Palestine situation. Pursuant to the General Assembly's directive of 14 December 1950, the Commission has undertaken to carry out the obligation imposed upon it under paragraph 2 of that resolution by creating its Refugee Office for the purpose of making certain practical arrangements for the solution of the refugee problem. The Commission now believes its obligations under paragraph 1 of the 14 December resolution should be fulfilled and, accordingly, is ready to make a new effort to lend assistance to the parties in seeking solution of this and other questions outstanding between them. In the course of the proposed discussions, the Commission will be prepared to exercise its mediatory functions by suggesting specific solutions to specific problems for consideration by the parties.

The Commission invites the Government of Israel to participate in these meetings and to designate its representatives. It is proposed that the conference be held in Paris beginning on 10 September 1951, and it is hoped that it will be possible for the Commission to report the results of the conference to the next regular session of the United Nations General Assembly, 6 November 1951.

Signed : Ely Eliot Palmer
Chairman