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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on  
Friday 19 May 1950, at 4 p.m.

Present:

Mr. PALMER	(United States)	Chairman
Mr. de NICOLAY*	(France)	
Mr. ERALP*	(Turkey)	
Mr. de AZCARATE		Principal Secretary

\* (Alternate)

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1. General Riley's Report

The CHAIRMAN drew the Commission's attention to a report from General Riley, addressed to the Secretary-General, describing the somewhat delicate situation that had arisen out of incidents caused by the increasing number of cases of clandestine crossing of the armistice lines by refugees.

Mr. ERALP (Turkey) failed to see what steps the Commission could take at the moment.

Mr. de NICOLAY (France), speaking for Mr. de Boisanger, remarked that the question was obviously within the Commission's competence, but no useful action could be taken before the beginning of the forthcoming negotiations.

The PRINCIPAL SECRETARY did not think it was possible for the Commission to approach the governments concerned for the time being. General Riley might in the first place be asked for further details. He might be informed that the Commission had taken note of his report, dated 14 May 1950, and asked him to be good enough to amplify his views on certain points. He might also be told that any suggestions he cared to make would be welcome.

Mr. ERALP (Turkey) agreed with the Principal Secretary that General Riley should be told that the Commission could hardly take any steps regarding the matters he had raised before the opening of the coming negotiations; should he, however, desire the Commission to take action before that time, he should be asked to specify what he wished the Commission to do.

Mr. de NICOLAY (France) stated that Mr. de Boisanger was of the opinion that the phrase "higher level", used in General Riley's note, applied to the Conciliation Commission.

The CHAIRMAN expressed the opinion that the Commission could take no useful action on that question for the time being. General Riley should be informed that any further information or suggestions would be welcome.

The PRINCIPAL SECRETARY considered that a telegram to that effect might be sent to General Riley.

It was so decided.

2. Study of Document W/45, "Analysis of paragraph 11 of the General Assembly's Resolution of 11 December 1948".

The CHAIRMAN felt that it would be better to defer consideration of that document so as to allow the members of the Commission time to study it in detail.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 4.45 p.m.