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Estimates of Number of Arabs
cut off from their lands by the Armistice Lines

(Addendum to measures suggested to the Conciliation Commission by the Technical Committee as a result of its investigations).

The Technical Committee in its general memorandum of 3 September to the Commission stated:

- "2) The Commission might contact the Israeli Delegation and request that those persons who have remained in their villages and who are today separated from their farms by the Armistice line, should be allowed to cultivate their lands on the Israeli side of the line and harvest their crops".

Pursuant to the Commission's request for details as to the number of such persons involved and the exact regions concerned, the Technical Committee submits the attached estimate of the Arabs involved, by region, which was prepared by the International Red Cross Committee (IRCC).

The Technical Committee advances those estimates with reservations as to their accuracy, but feels that they might serve as a basis for initiating discussions on the subject. In the absence of any other substantiating data, the Technical Committee has asked the UNRPR to cable the IRCC requesting that agency to check these figures and report the result as soon as possible.

Number of persons living on the lines and whose land
is actually in the hands of the Jews or
no-man's land, as of July 1949.

Bethlehem	12350
Jerusalem	3300
Ramallah	7161
Samaria	52846
Total	<u>75657</u>