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Communication Received from United Kingdom Delegation Concerning Haifa Situation

The following communication, containing information on the situation in Haifa, has been received from Mr. Fletcher-Cooke of the United Kingdom Delegation.

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26th April, 1948.

My dear Bunche,

In continuation of [my letter of the 23rd April](#), the following additional Information was included in the *Third Report on the Situation in Haifa* just received from Jerusalem:-

- (1) On the morning of the 25th April, the situation in Haifa Town was described as very much quieter and it was reported that normal life was being resumed.
 - (2) General Headquarters reported that some military stores trains were still being operated by the military.
 - (3) The Haifa workshops were still operating.
 - (4) It was also reported that attempts to secure a truce had failed and that the Arabs had decided to evacuate the Town.
2. The following information contained in the *Fourth Report on the Situation in Haifa* has just been received:-
- (1) On the afternoon of the 25th April, the situation in Haifa Town was reported to be quiet.
 - (2) During the night of April 23rd/24th there was practically no shooting in the Town though a small skirmish occurred in a village outside Haifa where British troops intervened and restored order.
 - (3) The Arabs, especially in the poorer quarters, were continuing to evacuate but the general exodus had almost ceased.
 - (4) It was estimated that some five thousand persons in all had evacuated the Town.

Yours sincerely,
s/ (J. Fletcher-Cooke)

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