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My dear Minister:

After you mentioned to me on the telephone on Wednesday the complaints which the United Kingdom Government had received about incidents on the Israel-Jordan border, I had immediate inquiries instituted and have today, to my regret, discovered that there is at least some measure of truth in the Jordan Government's allegations.

A final investigation is now being conducted, and I have the highest authority for informing you that any officers or men of the Israel Defence Army found guilty of wanton or cruel behabiour will be punished.

I should like to take this opportunity of telling you that the Government has decided to accept a suggestion made this week by King Abdullah, that the Defence Army of Israel and the Arab Legion each appoint a senior officer with a view to coordinating action to prevent such incidents in future or, if incidents of this kind should inadvertently again occur, to deal with them together, promptly and energetically, on the spot.

Yours sincerely,

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