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I append below a report on a telephone conversation which was intercepted at 8.15 a.m. on 2nd November, 1947:-

- A. Moshe Shertok, New York calling
- B. Ben Gurion, Jewish Agency, Jerusalem.

- A. About the announcement of the American representative, we had a meeting today and it is quite possible that we shall meet again tomorrow. Actually what they are proposing is that we should rely upon the British. Their proposal is based on the presumption that Great Britain will remain in Palestine until 1st July 1948. The power will be in their hands and not in the hands of the U.N.C.T.E.C. They will only send an advisory commission to Palestine.
- B. Yes, yes, we know that.
- A. We have told them that it is impossible to leave it in the hands of the British. We are persons. It is not known whether they will be ready to carry it out, even if they agree to it, it is very difficult to believe that such a great change will come about. And who knows what will happen between now and the 1st of July. Yes, correct.
- A. So far, we have suggested two alternatives to their proposals. - This was not made in a public way. - As soon as the British refuse to carry out the plan, we will make a proposal to the U.N.C.T.E.C. and the members of the U.N.C.T.E.C. that on 1st of January, 1948, the Jewish Government is to be established, in order to take over the power. (The U.N.C.T.E.C. members support our proposals and will take up whether the whole thing will be accepted or not.)
- A. The fact is about our proposals that the public opinion is very low. I think we have to say to the British that we will carry it out if they would leave the country immediately.
- B. They will leave over power.

- A. Netanyahu's and Leites' proposal was accepted by the majority of the U.N.C.T.E.C. Secretary. i.e. it is sufficient a simple majority).
- B. What about the Russians? I mean regarding the Russian proposals?
- A. I think that if it is decided that the Committee comes under the control of the Security Council they will accept the proposal.
- B. O.K. There is no news here. Do you think that the Americans will be against such a decision about the Security Council?
- A. The Americans are not sure yet, whether this is the opinion of their Government or not.
- B. How is the internal situation, between yourselves?
- A. It is in order, I had only a small conflict with Ben-Zion (Kauzhan), he wanted to talk about the carrying out of the plan, and I told him that it would be more advisable if a Palestinian talked about it.
- B. It is O.K. So strong, this is the opinion of the Executive, we are very obliged to you.
- A. Thank you very much, the situation is very tense, I have never lived in such a tense situation.
- B. I can imagine that.
- A. I am very glad to work with our members, with Ben-Zion (Kauzhan) Elichu (Einstein) and Moshe Toff.
- B. What about Glass?
- A. The two alterations proposed by Glass were accepted, by the Committee.
- B. What about Galilee?
- A. It is still in great danger.
- B. And the Negev?
- A. If we don't gain in Galilee, we will not lose in the Negev. But we will not agree to give Arabs.....
- B. No, you are right.
- A. We may give something near the Egyptian frontiers, we may have some chance to get the northern part of the Negev up to Ein Gedi, but not up to Beit Nataraya.
- B. I'm very sorry for it.
- A. You are right, but this is also not clear, I think that the Americans will be against it.
- B. Why?
- A. It is very difficult to explain it over the phone.
- B. O.K.

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