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MH489 RECEIVED LETTER SIGNED CREMONA WHO REPLACES IN TELAVIV FREEDMAN NOW RHODES AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE SECRETARY GENERAL STOP STATE BERNADOTTE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION STEPS TAKEN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT PREVENT BREACH TRUCE BUT UNABLE ACCEPT THIS AS ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION INCIDENT SINCE HIS OBSERVERS PREVENTED BY OUR MILITARY AUTHORITIES PROCEEDING SCENE WHEREFORE WERE UNABLE ASCERTAIN TO WHAT EXTENT MEN MATERIALS FROM SHIP LANDED ISRAEL AND STEPS TAKEN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT PREVENT THEIR DISPERSAL STOP FACTS ARE FIRST TRUCE OBSERVERS APPLIED FACILITIES VISIT SEE ACTION KFARVITKIN STOP HEADQUARTERS REFUSED BELIEVING BE UNDER NO OBLIGATION REVEAL TACTICS ARMS USED SECOND FROM OUTSET OUR ATTENTION CONCENTRATED MAJOR THREAT TRUCE RESULTING FROM ARMS SHIPMENT AND NOT IMMIGRATION WHICH IN CIRCUMSTANCES MINOR ASPECT THIRD PREVENTION OF UNLOADING ARMS NECESSITATED CONCENTRATION CONSIDERABLE FORCE WHICH TOOK NIGHT DURING WHICH IMMIGRANTS APPARENTLY MANAGED LAND DISPERSE THEIR EXACT NUMBER UNKNOWN BUT PUBLISHED FIGURES CERTAINLY EXAGGERATED STOP HAD CONTRARY COURSE BEEN TAKEN DOUBTFUL WHETHER ANYTHING BEEN ACHIEVED FOURTH ARE SATISFIED NO ARMS OFFLOADED KFARVITKIN AND THOSE CONFISCATED BY US WERE PERSONAL ARMS PALESTINIAN MEMBERS ETZEL WHO SURRENDERED FIFTH ENTIRE ARMS LOAD WENT UP IN FLAMES OFF TELAVIV PARAGRAPH GOVERNMENT WHICH RESORTED SUCH DRASTIC MEASURES VIEW PREVENTION VIOLATION TRUCE AS FIRING UPON ITS OWN PEOPLE AND SACRIFICING LIVES ITS SUPPORTERS ALSO IN BLOWING UP WHOLE VESSEL RATHER HAVE IT BECOME INSTRUMENT VIOLATION RIGHTLY RESENTS STRICTURES CONTAINED LETTER WHICH IN CIRCUMSTANCES CANNOT BUT APPEAR AS PETTY CAVILLING STOP LETTER ALSO CONTAINS ENUMERATION CHARGES ALLEGED MINOR VIOLATIONS TRUCE BY US IN LOCAL INCIDENTS VARIOUS PARTS COUNTRY WHICH INVESTIGATING STOP THOUGH GIST LETTER UNDOUBTEDLY AUTHORIZED BY COUNT ITS TONE AND DETAILS FORMULATION SCRABBLE LOCAL SIGNATORY AND HIS COLLEAGUE

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