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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26 September 1953, in which you deal with certain points arising out of my letter to you of 24 September 1953.

While I do not propose to go into these points at this moment, I wish to state that I am happy to have your assurance, which I accept without reserve, that you neither have been nor will be influenced by any kind of threat. It is, however, a matter of record that the Syrian Government uttered threats which appear not to have come to your direct or indirect unquestionable knowledge.

I should be glad to have an opportunity of discussing the whole situation with you in detail, with a view to facilitating a solution of the issue, and in this connexion I have noted the suggestion you make in paragraph 7 of your letter. I hope you will be able, together with any of your advisers whom you may desire, to call on me, preferably tomorrow at an hour mutually convenient, when we shall be able to review the position and, I trust, find common ground for the future.

Yours faithfully,

Moshe Sharett
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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