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For General Bennike : Please convey following message to the Prime Minister of the Hashemite Jordan Kingdom.

1) "The latest murderous attack by an organised Arab force on a passenger bus ~~which~~ at Maale Haakrabim in the Negev which was carried out as a military operation and which resulted in the coldblooded killing of eleven men women and children and the wounding of three others constitutes a new climax of wanton acts of hostility against Israel.

2) There can be no doubt of the Jordan Government's responsibility for this brutal attack. Moreover it is evident that such aggressive actions is a direct consequence of the concerted campaign of hostility and hate propaganda conducted in Jordan against Israel.

The responsibility of the Jordan Government is further more aggravated by its obstinate refusal - motivated by political objectives - to take effective measures against incursions and raids from Jordan territory into Israel and its blatant rejection to consider jointly with Israel in accordance with its obligations under the armistice agreement, the indispensable steps for the maintenance of border security.

3) In view of the gravity of the situation the Government of Israel desires that the Jordan Government to notify it without delay of the measures it is adopting, to discharge its full responsibility for the inviolability of the border, to prevent any further incursions and raids and to desist ~~for~~ from any future acts of hostility,

4) It must be the Jordan Government's immediate concern to take effective steps to avoid any deterioration in a situation fraught with such grave dangers and to give to the Israel Government definite and convincing assurances to this effect."

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PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

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