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Message from the Prime Minister of Israel
to the Secretary General of the United Nations
to be delivered personally by Mr. M. Eytan at the Lod Airport

Jerusalem, 14 April 1956

Supplementing Mr. Sharrett's message of to-day's date, sent in reply
to the Secretary General's message of 13 April 1956 which was transmitted
by Ambassador Giacomelli, the Prime Minister would like to define Israel's
position in principle as follows:

The Armistice Agreements contain no indication as to where patrols
should not move. Our representations to the Secretary General comprised
no suggestion that Egypt be called upon to move its patrols back from the D.I.
The only point upon which we insist is that the Egyptians should not fire at us from across
the line, that they should not cross the line, that they should not lay mines
within our territory, that they should not send gangs into our territory to
perpetrate murder and sabotage, and that they should in general refrain from any
act of hostility against us in conformity with the Armistice Agreement, the
provisions of which we undertake fully to carry out. We do not interfere in
the fixing of the route of Egyptian patrols, while for our part we reserve our
right to place patrols within our territory and for the protection of our security
wherever the need may arise. The only limitation is of the Armistice Agreement,
which we are determined to observe in its entirety provided the other side does
likewise.