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My dear Prime Minister,

Although it has never been my good fortune to meet you, circumstances have arisen which I believe impel my addressing to you this personal message.

I understand from the Prime Minister of Burma, through our Minister at Rangoon, that in a conversation with him at Colombo you indicated your readiness to establish diplomatic relations with Israel and to welcome a properly accredited representative of Israel in New Delhi.

For myself, I have always followed, on the subject of Israel's diplomatic relations with India, as on many other issues, the advice of the Song of Songs: "Stir not up, nor awake love, till it please". The message which has reached me from U lu seems to indicate that the moment envisaged in that verse has now arrived. But before I authorise any formal step, I should be happy if I could have confirmation of the fact from you or your Government.

Yours sincerely,

(-) M. Sharett

His Excellency
Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.