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Jerusalem, 10 October 1956

Dear General Burns,

On 12 September 1956 three Israeli Druze were murdered at Ein-Ofarim in Israel territory by a group of attackers from Jordan.

We subsequently learnt that the murderers were arrested by the Jordan police at Dahal. They confessed to the murder of the Israelis, and the victims' stolen arms were found in their possession.

Several days ago the King of Jordan himself issued an order to free the murderers without trial or punishment.

This order, given by the King himself, is a direct encouragement by the highest authority in Jordan to the continuation of Jordanian aggressions against Israel. I find it necessary to draw your attention to these developments particularly in view of the fact that murderous attacks by armed groups from Jordan continue unabated.

Yours sincerely,

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