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LETTER DATED 14 MAY FROM MR. A. H. SILVER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND ENCLOSED CABLE DATED 13 MAY 1948 FROM MR. MOSEE SHER TOK TO THE JEWISH AGENCY, NEW YORK

Your Excellency:

I had the honor yesterday afternoon to submit for your information a cable received by the Jewish Agency in New York from our Executive in Palestine, a copy of which I enclose, regarding the attack launched on the bloc of Jewish settlements at Kfar Etzion by the Arab Legion. Attention was also drawn in that message to the impending onslaught on the Jewish population of Palestine by the Arab Legion supported by Iraqi troops, now jointly under the command of King Abdullah of Transjordan.

Reports today indicate that Kfar Etzion has succumbed to the attacks of the Arab Legion and that Jewish casualties were heavy.

It will be recalled in this connection that at the two hundred and eighty-third meeting of the Security Council on April 16, 1948, Sir Alexander Cadogan stated, in response to a reference by Mr. Shertok to the danger which the presence of units of the Arab Legion constituted to the Jewish community in Palestine, that "we have already announced that the units of the Arab Legion in Palestine will be withdrawn before the Mandate comes to an end."

I have the honor formally to request that there be placed on the agenda of the Security Council the question of acts of aggression on the part of the Kingdom of Transjordan through the instrumentality of the Arab Legion, which is financed, equipped and officered by Great Britain, on the basis of Anglo-Transjordan Treaties of 1946 and 1948.

I have the honor to be, etc.

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver

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Urge immediate strongest effort secure immediate direct sternest warning by President to King Abdullah view his desisting from impending invasion and onslaught on Jewish Population Palestine by Arab Legion and Iraqi troops now jointly under his command. Cable should be addressed Amman Direct. Hours count.

Senior British Staff Officer Jerusalem today informed our Liaison officially that Arab Legion no longer under British Command. This position is in glaring contradiction Cadogan's assurance Security Council Legion be withdrawn from Palestine before May 15. Legion these very hours engaged storming reducing Kfaretzion and neighbouring settlements.

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