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LETTER DATED 27 OCTOBER 1948 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL TO THE ACTING MEDIATOR TRANSMITTING A LETTER  
DATED 26 OCTOBER 1948 FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF ISRAEL  
CONCERNING CEASE-FIRE IN THE NEGEV

27 October 1948

I enclose herewith the text of a letter from the Foreign Minister  
of Israel to yourself, which was transmitted to me by cable today.

(Signed) Aubrey S. Eban  
Representative of the Provisional Government  
of Israel at the United Nations

LETTER TO DR. RALPH BUNCHE, THE ACTING MEDIATOR

Hakiryra, Israel, 26 October 1948

In reply to your communication transmitted today by your personal  
representative in Tel Aviv, I draw your attention to the following sentence  
in the resolution adopted by the Security Council at its 367th meeting  
held 19 October, 1948, which bears on the point at issue:

"After the cease-fire the following conditions might well be  
considered as the basis for further negotiations looking toward  
an insurance that similar outbreaks will not again occur and that  
the truce will be fully observed in this area:

"(a) Withdrawal of both parties from any positions not  
occupied at the time of the outbreak, ..."

It is thus clear that the return to the military status quo ante  
was defined by the Security Council as a possible subject for further  
negotiations. It does not imply an absolute injunction as you appear  
to have assumed.

(Signed) Moshe Shertok

