

Jerusalem, 9. Sept. 1953

Dear Colonel Shalev,

I should like your attention to a matter which is being in abeyance for a long time. I am referring to the Syrian request for compensation submitted after the brush fire started by the inhabitants of the Kibbutz-of Gonen had destroyed 40 dunams of wheat in Syrian territory, on the 29 May 1953.

The fact that this question of compensation has remained in abeyance had prevented the resumption of Israeli-Syrian talks since 27 May.

I should be grateful if you could look into this matter and try to have it settled.

Yours sincerely,
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