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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 20 October 1953, to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in which you made several observations regarding the transcript of the conversation held on 15 October, 1953.

I have been instructed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to draw your attention to the fourth paragraph of your letter, and to inform you that the passage quoted by Mr. Tekna appears in the text of the letter received by Mr. Sharett from Dr. Bunche on 26 June 1949. I am in possession of a copy of that letter as transmitted to me on 25 June 1949 by Miss Doreen Daughton of the United Nations Secretariat.

The above passage does not appear, for obvious reasons, in the letter sent by Dr. Bunche at the same time to the Syrian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Sincerely yours,

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