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Excellency:

I have the honor to transmit to you the following message from the Secretary of State:

"The President and I have now received the personal report from Mr. Eric Johnston regarding his recent conversations with Your Excellency and other members of the Cabinet concerning the United Nations report on unified development of the Jordan Valley.

"The President is most appreciative of the courtesy shown to Mr. Johnston and I am deeply gratified by the constructive attitude evident in the assurances which your Government gave him that this forward-looking proposal will receive your careful study and consideration.

"You

His Excellency,

Moshe Sharett,

Minister for Foreign Affairs for the State of Israel.

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"You have been kind enough to indicate to Mr. Johnston that he would be welcome to return to your country for further and more definitive discussions. The President joins me in the hope that in the interim the Government of Israel will continue to maintain the attitude of openmindedness made evident to Mr. Johnston in his recent visit."

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.



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