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Mr. Ivan B. White  
Counsellor  
Embassy of the U.S.A.,  
T o l - A v i v .

My dear Ivan,

Herewith a copy of Mr. Sharett's letter of March 1954 to General Bennike, registering our position on existing water use in the Buteicha Farm from Jordan waters.

Yours sincerely,

Y. Herzog  
Director, U.S. Division

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Dear General,

With reference to the conversations between yourself, the water experts Messrs Y.W. Dixon and W.F. Eijsvoogel and Israel representatives concerning the B'not Yaakov canal project, I write to reaffirm that the Government of Israel is prepared to undertake the maintenance, both during the construction and after the completion of the canal project, of an adequate supply of water at all seasons for the satisfaction of existing water uses. Such an undertaking would be unaffected by any modification or extension of the existing project. In addition, the Government is prepared to furnish within reasonable limits the necessary means to enable such an undertaking to be implemented.

Yours sincerely,

Moshe Sharett  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

General Vagn Bennike,  
Chief of Staff,  
United Nations Truce  
Supervision Organization,  
Jerusalem.