November 10, 2022

Secretary of State Antony Blinken
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Ambassador Thomas R. Nides
United States Embassy in Israel
Department of State
Tel Aviv

Re: Plans for new U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem on Illegally Confiscated Palestinian Land

Dear Secretary Blinken and Ambassador Nides:

We are writing regarding the proposed plan of the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Embassy in Israel to build a new embassy compound in Jerusalem (Plan 101-0810796 - “Diplomatic Compound - USA, Hebron Road, Jerusalem”). Recently revealed information from the Israel State Archives confirms that the proposed site is on land that belongs to Palestinians, including U.S. citizens, that has been illegally confiscated by Israel under the 1950 Absentees’ Property Law.

We write on behalf of several Palestinian heirs to this land to formally bring this information to the State Department’s attention, and to demand an immediate cessation of this plan. We request a meeting with the State Department and the U.S. Embassy to clarify the U.S. Government’s position on Israel’s authority to extinguish property rights under the Absentees’ Property Law, and to ensure that the Biden Administration takes no further steps to entrench the unlawful dispossession of Palestinian refugee property and, more fundamentally, the decision to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem contrary to international consensus.

By maintaining and expanding its Embassy in Jerusalem, the United States is in violation of its international legal obligations.

Maintaining and expanding the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem is a violation of international law, just as moving the Embassy to Jerusalem and declaring it the capital of Israel was in the first instance. Since UN General Assembly Resolution 181 (1947), Jerusalem has been recognized to have a special separate status (corpus separatum). As a result, the international community holds that sovereignty over Jerusalem remains, for most states, undetermined. Moreover, Israel’s 1980 annexation of East Jerusalem has been consistently rejected, as the international community continues to reaffirm the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force. This status is
reflected in numerous UN Security Council and General Assembly Resolutions. A U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, regardless of where the Embassy is located, ignores this consensus and signals approval of Israel’s illegal annexation.

This move would also violate international law in that it would constitute a breach of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations - 1961, to which the United States, the State of Palestine and Israel are parties. The Convention clearly states that any diplomatic mission established must be within the express territorial sovereignty of that state. As Jerusalem has a special legal status under international law, this move would constitute a clear breach of the Convention. It also contravenes Palestinians’ right to self-determination, the right they have to “freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.”

The proposed new embassy site also breaks with decades of U.S. policy on Jerusalem. In fact, the U.S. State Department in 1953 opposed Israel’s transfer of its foreign office to Jerusalem and its refusal to move the U.S. embassy to the city citing international law and the special status of Jerusalem. Attached as Appendix 2 is the press release from the U.S. State Department, dated July 28, 1953.

Proof of Palestinian ownership of the land in question.

In July 2022, Adalah published newly discovered archival records from the State Archives demonstrating clear proof of Palestinian ownership of the land earmarked for the proposed site of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem. The documents offer definitive proof that the land in question was owned by Palestinians and temporarily leased to British Mandate authorities before the dispossession of Palestinian residents from West Jerusalem and the establishment of Israel in 1948, in what Palestinians refer to as the Nakba. This period saw massive seizures of Palestinian land and mass refugee displacement. These archival lease agreements, attached as Appendix 1, offer vivid detail on who owned the land before Israel seized it, including the names of the Palestinian landowners – individuals from the Habib, Qleibo, El Khalidi, Razzaq, and El-Khalili families, among others. Descendants of these original owners, who include U.S. citizens, have demanded that the U.S. State Department cancel this plan.

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In response to media inquiries on the subject in July of this year, the Embassy affirmed that in this and all such property acquisitions, “due diligence” is exercised. We are concerned that such due diligence did not reveal the Palestinian ownership of these properties, or worse, that the US State Department's due diligence criteria does not consider the private property rights of the Palestinian owners, including some US citizens, as well as the United States' international legal obligations.

The US Embassy’s planned expansion on this site entrenches Israel’s unlawful dispossession.

Should the U.S. proceed with this plan, it would not only be complicit with Israel’s illegal confiscation of Palestinian-owned land, but it would also become an active participant in the seizure of the land of U.S. citizens.

As a result of the expulsion from their homeland in 1948, several of the original landowners fled and sought refuge in the U.S. and a number are now U.S. citizens. The Department of State and its foreign service officers have an obligation to protect the interests of United States citizens overseas, including their foreign estates and inheritances. See, e.g. 22 C.F.R. § 71.3. The U.S. Constitution extends its protections to private property interests extraterritorially in certain circumstances, including to property interests of non-resident citizens. See, e.g., Atamirzayeva v. United States, 524 F.3d 1320, 1327-28 (Fed. Cir. 2008) (finding that the Fifth Amendment’s Takings Clause could apply to a seizure of foreign property of a non-citizen who has sufficient connections to the United States). Yet if it proceeds with this plan, the U.S. State Department is participating in the violation of the private property rights of its own citizens.

As noted, Israel seized this land under the 1950 Absentees’ Property Law, which was used widely to dispossess Palestinian refugees and internally displaced Palestinians from their property in the years following the 1948 Nakba and again in 1967. The law violates international law applicable to the 1948 war, which engendered the Palestinian refugee problem. Article 46 of the regulations attached to the 1907 Hague Convention Respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land stipulates the need to respect the right of private property and explicitly prohibits the confiscation of private property.4

If built, the U.S. embassy compound will be located on land that was seized from Palestinians in violation of international law, including Article 46 of the Hague Regulations. Both Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have identified the Absentees’ Property Law as a foundational tool of Israel’s oppression and domination of Palestinians within a broader Apartheid system. According to Amnesty, the law “effectively gave the state control over all property belonging to Palestinians who were expelled or fled their homes”, wherein such persons “were deemed

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“absentees” even though they never crossed an international border and, in many cases, remained within a few kilometers of their homes and land.” The U.S. Embassy plan to build on this land will also violate the private property rights of Palestinian landowners and the internationally established right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and gain restitution of their properties.5

Given these violations, Adalah and the Center for Constitutional Rights call on the Biden Administration to immediately cancel this plan and demand Israeli authorities withdraw their plan for the US diplomatic compound on this land.

We thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Our request is time sensitive, as the Israel Authorities submitted the plan for public comment on November 7th. We hope to hear back from you soon to set a time to meet to discuss our concerns.

Sincerely,

Suhad Bishara, Advocate, on behalf of
Adalah –
The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel

Diala Shamas, Esq., on behalf of
The Center for Constitutional Rights

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5 UNGA resolution 194 (III), December 11, 1948.
HIRING AGREEMENT No. 1947

An agreement made this 9th day of May 1947

between
Latifa daughter of Francis Rashil,  
Ain Karim Village, Jerusalem Sub-District.  
(hereinafter called the Landlord) of the one part and the

District Commissioner of Jerusalem District on behalf of the  
Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

1. The Landlord agrees to let the Tenant agrees to hire the land described in the first  
Schedule hereto, situated in the Allenby Barracks for the  
period 1st April 1947 to 31st March, 1948.  
determinable as hereinafter provided, at an annual rent of £P 14.135 miles.  
per annum payable by half-yearly instalments, the first instalment being paid  
annual  
3 months after the commencement of this agreement, namely on  
6 months

2. THE TENANT AGREES:
   i) to pay the rent in the manner aforesaid.
   ii) not to assign the tenancy save to Officers of the Government of Palestine or His  
Majesty's Forces without the written consent of the Landlord previously obtained.

3. AND IT IS AGREED THAT:
   i) The Tenant may, by giving one month's notice in writing to the Landlord, determine  
the tenancy hereby granted on any day.
   ii) The tenant may, during the tenancy, carry out any work on the said land, including  
the erection of buildings and the installation of fixtures etc. which he may desire.
   iii) The Tenant may at any time remove all or any of the buildings or other structures  
or materials erected or placed by him upon the land and shall, at the expiration of  
the tenancy, if so required by the Landlord, restore the said land as nearly as may be to  
the state in which it was when first hired or pay compensation in lieu of such restoration,  
PROVIDED ALWAYS that such compensation shall not be greater than the value of the land  
at the time when possession thereof was first taken, no account being taken of any  
appreciation in the value thereof due to the emergency.
   iv) Should the Landlord so desire and the Tenant agree, any buildings or other  
structures may be left intact on the land, the Landlord paying to the Tenant or allowing to  
him as deductions from any sums due to the Landlord under this Agreement such sum as  
is agreed to be the value of such work, and such amount shall in case of dispute be  
determined by an Arbitrator appointed by the parties hereto.

4. THE LANDLORD AGREES:
   i) That the Tenant performing his obligations hereunder shall peaceably hold and  
enjoy the aforesaid land during the said term without any interruption by the Landlord or  
any person rightfully claiming under or in trust for him.
   ii) To pay all and discharge all outgoings imposed on the said land or upon the  
occupier thereof by the Government or any Local Authority.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained the Tenant undertakes for  
the purposes of Section 2 (2) of the Defence (Exemption from Rates) Regulations, 1943,  
to bear any increase in rates directly due to the Tenant’s occupation.
6. AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND DECLARED:
   i) That any notice required under this Agreement may be given by registered
      letter and the parties hereto waive any right to be served with a notarial notice notwith-
      standing anything contained in the Ottoman Code of Civil Procedure.
   ii) That any notice dispute whatever between the parties on any matter arising out
      of this Agreement and the tenancy hereby concluded, shall be referred to a Committee
      consisting of the Assistant District Commissioner and the District Engineer of the Public
      Works Department, both of the District in which the land is situated, and a Military
      Member to be nominated by the Tenant and the decision of the said Committee on such
      questions shall be absolutely final and binding on both parties.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunder set their hand this 23rd day of May 1947

Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

[Signature]
Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

[Signature]
Witness

2396/PP&TJ/P/4/44
HIRING AGREEMENT NO.

An agreement made this 20th day of June 1947

Elia Bichara Habib
Hamilleh Road, Jerusalem

(hereinafter called the Landlord) of the one part and the

District Commissioner of Jerusalem District, on behalf of the
Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

1. The Landlord agrees to let the Tenant agrees to hire the land described in the first Schedule hereto, situated in the Allenby Barracks for the period 1st April, 1947 to 31st March 1948 determinable as hereinafter provided, at an annual rent of £7.00 payable by half-yearly instalments, the first instalment being paid annual.

2. THE TENANT AGREES:
   i) to pay the rent in the manner aforesaid.
   ii) not to assign the tenancy save to Officers of the Government of Palestine or His Majesty's Forces without the written consent of the Landlord previously obtained.

3. AND IT IS AGREED THAT:
   i) The Tenant may, by giving one month's notice in writing to the Landlord, determine the tenancy hereby granted on any day.
   ii) The Tenant may, during the tenancy, carry out any work on the said land, including the erection of buildings and the installation of fixtures etc. which he may desire.
   iii) The Tenant may at any time remove all or any of the buildings or other structures or materials erected or placed by him upon the land and shall, at the expiration of the tenancy, if so required by the Landlord, restore the said land as nearly as may be to the state in which it was when first hired or pay compensation in lieu of such restoration, PROVIDED ALWAYS that such compensation shall not be greater than the value of the land at the time when possession thereof was first taken, no account being taken of any appreciation in the value thereof due to the emergency.
   iv) Should the Landlord so desire and the Tenant agree, any buildings or other structures may be left intact on the land, the Landlord paying to the Tenant or allowing to him as deductions from any sums due to the Landlord under this Agreement such sum as is agreed to be the value of such work, and such amount shall in case of dispute be determined by an Arbitrator appointed by the parties hereto.

4. THE LANDLORD AGREES:
   i) That the Tenant performing his obligations hereunder shall peaceably hold and enjoy the aforesaid land during the said term without any interruption by the Landlord or any person rightfully claiming under or in trust for him.
   ii) To pay all and discharge all outgoings imposed on the said land or upon the occupier thereof by the Government or any Local Authority.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained the Tenant undertakes for the purposes of Section 2 (2) of the Defence (Exemption from Rates) Regulations, 1943, to bear any increase in rates directly due to the Tenant's occupation.
AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND DECLARED:

i) That any notice required under this Agreement may be given by registered letter and the parties hereto waive any right to be served with a notarial notice notwithstanding anything contained in the Ottoman Code of Civil Procedure.

ii) That any notice dispute whatever between the parties on any matter arising out of this Agreement and the tenancy hereby concluded, shall be referred to a Committee consisting of the Assistant District Commissioner and the District Engineer of the Public Works Department, both of the District in which the land is situated, and a Military Member to be nominated by the Tenant and the decision of the said Committee on such questions shall be absolutely final and binding on both parties.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunder set their hand this 20th day of June 1947.

Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

Witness
HIRING AGREEMENT NO. 3120

Agreement made this 31st day of May 1947

Mr. Hanna Aboussouan, C/O Lutfi Aboussouan, Commercial Centre
Jerusalem.

(Hereinafter called the Landlord) of the one part and the

District Commissioner of Jerusalem District on behalf of the
Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

1. The Landlord agrees to let the Tenant agrees to hire the land described in the first
Schedule hereto, situated in the Allenby Barracks for the period
1st April 1947 to 31st March 1948
determineable as hereinafter provided, at an annual rent of £P 25.162 miles
per annum payable by annual instalments, the

2. THE TENANT AGREES:

i) to pay the rent in the manner aforesaid.

ii) not to assign the tenancy save to Officers of the Government of Palestine or His Majesty's Forces without the written consent of the Landlord previously obtained.

3. AND IT IS AGREED THAT:

i) The Tenant may, by giving one month's notice in writing to the Landlord, determine the tenancy hereby granted on any day.

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4. THE LANDLORD AGREES:

i) That the Tenant performing his obligations hereunder shall peaceably hold and enjoy the aforesaid land during the said term without any interruption by the Landlord or any person rightfully claiming under or in trust for him.

ii) To pay all and discharge all outgoings imposed on the said land or upon the occupier thereof by the Government or any Local Authority.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained the Tenant undertakes for the purposes of Section 2 (2) of the Defence (Exemption from Rates) Regulations, 1943, to bear any increase in rates directly due to the Tenant's occupation.
6. AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND DECLARED:

   i) That any notice required under this Agreement may be given by registered letter and the parties hereto waive any right to be served with a notarial notice notwithstanding anything contained in the Ottoman Code of Civil Procedure.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunder set their hand this 31st. day of May 1947

Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
JERUSALEM DISTRICT.
HIRING AGREEMENT NO.

This agreement made this 31st day of May 1947.

Between:

Mr. Negib Aboussous, 6/0 Commercial Centre
Jerusalem.

Hereinafter called the Landlord) of the one part and the

District Commissioner of Jerusalem District. on behalf of the
Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

1. The Landlord agrees to let the Tenant agrees to hire the land described in the first Schedule hereof, situated in the Allenby Barracks, Jerusalem, for the period

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determinable as hereinafter provided, at an annual rent of £P 25.162 mile

per annum

payable by half yearly instalments, the first instalment being paid annual

3 months after the commencement of this agreement, namely on -

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4. THE LANDLORD AGREES:

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ii) To pay all and discharge all outgoings imposed on the said land or upon the occupier thereof by the Government or any Local Authority.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained the Tenant undertakes for the purposes of Section 2 (2) of the Defence (Exemption from Rates) Regulations, 1943, to bear any increase in rates directly due to the Tenant’s occupation.
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Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

Regib Aboussouan

Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

Tenant

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

3769/PP&TJ/P 12/45
HIRING AGREEMENT No. 1

an agreement made this 1st day of June 1947

Mr. Lutfi Aboussouan, Commercial Centre, Jerusalem.

Hereinafter called the Landlord) of the one part and the

District Commissioner of Jerusalem District, on behalf of the

Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

1. The Landlord agrees to let the Tenant agrees to hire the land described in the first Schedule hereto, situated in the Allenby Barracks, Jerusalem, for the period 1st April, 1947 to 31st March, 1948, determinable as hereinafter provided, at an annual rent of £25,181. miles per annum, payable by half-yearly instalments, the first instalment being paid

3 months after the commencement of this agreement, namely on

2. THE TENANT AGREES:
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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunder set their hand this 4th day of June 1947.

Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

[Signature]
Landlord

Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

[Signature]
Tenant

District Commissioner

Witness
HIRING AGREEMENT NO.

An agreement made this 3rd day of June 1947

between

Hasen Ali Qleibo, Damascus Gate,
Jerusalem.

(hereinafter called the Landlord) of the one part and the

District Commissioner of Jerusalem District, on behalf of the
Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

1. The Landlord agrees to let the Tenant agrees to hire the land described in the first
Schedule hereto, situated in the Allenby Barracks, Jerusalem, for the
period 1st April, 1947, to 31st March, 1948
determinable as hereinafter provided, at an annual rent of £P 9.499 mile
payable by half-yearly instalments, the first instalment being paid

3 months after the commencement of this agreement, namely on
9 months.

2. THE TENANT AGREES:
   i) to pay the rent in the manner aforesaid.
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      or any person rightfully claiming under or in trust for him.
   ii) To pay all and discharge all outgoings imposed on the said land or upon the
       occupier thereof by the Government or any Local Authority.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained the Tenant undertakes for
the purposes of Section 2 (2) of the Defence (Exemption from Rates) Regulations, 1943,
to bear any increase in rates directly due to the Tenant’s occupation.
6. AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND DECLARED:

i) That any notice required under this Agreement may be given by registered letter and the parties hereto waive any right to be served with a notarial notice notwithstanding anything contained in the Ottoman Code of Civil Procedure.

ii) That any notice dispute whatever between the parties on any matter arising out of this Agreement and the tenancy hereby concluded, shall be referred to a Committee consisting of the Assistant District Commissioner and the District Engineer of the Public Works Department, both of the District in which the land is situated, and a Military Member to be nominated by the Tenant and the decision of the said Committee on such questions shall be absolutely final and binding on both parties.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunder set their hand this 3rd day of June 1947

Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

[Signature]
Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

[Signature]
Tenant

[Signature]
Witness
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES
JERUSALEM DISTRICT
JERUSALEM

No. 37/27/604.

20 April, 1947.

Sir,
Madam,
Gentlemen,

I have the honour to refer to my Notice of Requisition issued under Regulation 47, 48 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, Published in the Palestine Gazette No. 1516 of the 17th of February, 1944, and to offer you a rental of 

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per dunum per annum in respect of the land owned by you having an area of \(.315\) square metres in Block No. \(30113\), Parcel No. \(32\), being occupied by the War Department.

2. Please let me know within 30 days from the date of this letter whether you accept this offer, so that an agreement may be concluded as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

\[ f. e. x. n. n. \]

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
JERUSALEM DISTRICT.

TO: Fatah el Khaldi.

Copy to: - Area Hirings Officer,
Jerusalem.
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER’S OFFICES
JERUSALEM DISTRICT
JERUSALEM

No. 37/27 20h.
20 April, 1947.

Sir,
Madam,
 Gentlemen,

I have the honour to refer to my Notice of Requisition issued under Regulation 47, 48 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, Published in the Palestine Gazette No. 1318 of the 17th February, 1944, and to offer you a rental of ....... per annum in respect of the land owned by you having an area of ....... square metres in Block No. ....... Parcel No. ....... being occupied by the War Department.

2. Please let me know within 30 days from the date of this letter whether you accept this offer, so that an agreement may be concluded as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
JERUSALEM DISTRICT.

TO: Ifat
Abdel Wahab
Through Lawyer Abu Sa‘id
To Muhammad Abu Sa‘id,
Mamilla Rd.
Jerusalem

Copy to: Area Hirings Officer,
Jerusalem.
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES

JERUSALEM DISTRICT

JERUSALEM

No. 37/27/604.

20 April, 1947.

Sir,
Madam,
Gentlemen,

I have the honour to refer to my Notice of Requisition issued under Regulation 47, 48 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, Published in the Palestine Gazette No. 1318 of the 17th of February, 1944, and to offer you a rental of £30.00 per dunam per annum in respect of the land owned by you having an area of 315 square metres in Block No. 3014, Parcel No. 22 being occupied by the War Department.

2. Please let me know within 30 days from the date of this letter whether you accept this offer, so that an agreement may be concluded as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

r. E. MANN

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

JERUSALEM DISTRICT.

TO: Taher Eff. el Khalidi.

Rumema Agha,
Jerusalem.

Copy to: Area Hirings Officer,
Jerusalem.
Sir,
Madam,
Gentlemen,

I have the honour to refer to my Notice of Requisition issued under Regulation 47, 48 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, Published in the Palestine Gazette No. 1318 of the 17th of February, 1944, and to offer you a rental of 12.30 per dunum per annum in respect of the land owned by you having an area of 530 square metres in Block No. 30113, Parcel No. 22 being occupied by the War Department.

2. Please let me know within 30 days from the date of this letter whether you accept this offer, so that an agreement may be concluded as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant.

[Signature]

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
JERUSALEM DISTRICT

TO: Mahboubeh Gleibo,
C/o Hussein Gleibo,
Souk El Bizar, Old City,
Jerusalem.

COPY TO: Area Hirings Officer,
Jerusalem.

Please consider my offer No. 37/27/604 dated 30th April, 1947, regarding the 787 square metres plot of land in Block No. 30113, Parcel No. 22 as cancelled.

5/6/47.
HIRING AGREEMENT No. 1020

An agreement made this 20th day of August, 1947, between Abdul-Razzak Eff. Oleibo, District Administration, of Jerusalem, and the Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Landlord) of the one part and the District Commissioner of Jerusalem District, on behalf of the Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

1. The Landlord agrees to let the Tenant agrees to hire the land described in the first Schedule hereto, situated in the Allenby Barracks, Jerusalem for the period 1st April, 1947 to 31st March, 1948. The period is determinable as hereinafter provided, at an annual rent of £9,449.9s. payable by half-yearly instalments, the first instalment being paid 3 months after the commencement of this Agreement, namely on

2. THE TENANT AGREES:
   i) to pay the rent in the manner aforesaid.
   ii) not to assign the tenancy save to Officers of the Government of Palestine or His Majesty's Forces without the written consent of the Landlord previously obtained.

3. AND IT IS AGREED THAT:
   i) The Tenant may, by giving one month's notice in writing to the Landlord, determine the tenancy hereby granted on any day.
   ii) The Tenant may, during the tenancy, carry out any work on the said land, including the erection of buildings and the installation of fixtures etc. which he may desire.
   iii) The Tenant may at any time remove all or any of the buildings or other structures or materials erected or placed by him upon the land and shall, at the expiration of the tenancy, if so required by the Landlord, restore the said land as nearly as may be to the state in which it was when first hired or pay compensation in lieu of such restoration, PROVIDED ALWAYS that such compensation shall not be greater than the value of the land at the time when possession thereof was first taken, no account being taken of any appreciation in the value thereof due to the emergency.
   iv) Should the Landlord so desire and the Tenant agree, any buildings or other structures may be left intact on the land, the Landlord paying to the Tenant or allowing to him as deductions from any sums due to the Landlord under this Agreement such sum as is agreed to be the value of such work, and such amount shall in case of dispute be determined by an Arbitrator appointed by the parties hereto.

4. THE LANDLORD AGREES:
   i) That the Tenant performing his obligations hereunder shall peaceably hold and enjoy the aforesaid land during the said term without any interruption by the Landlord or any person rightfully claiming under or in trust for him.
   ii) To pay all and discharge all outgoings imposed on the said land or upon the occupier thereof by the Government or any Local Authority.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained the Tenant endeavors for the purposes of Section 2 (2) of the Defence (Exemption from Rates) Regulations, 1943, to bear any increase in rates directly due to the Tenant's occupation.
6. AND IT IS FURTHER REQUIRED AGREED AND DECLARED:
   
i) That any notice required under this Agreement may be given by registered
letter and the parties hereto waive any right to be served with a notarial notice notwithstanding anything contained in the Ottoman Code of Civil Procedure.
   
ii) That any notice dispute whatever between the parties on any matter arising out of this Agreement and the tenancy hereby concluded, shall be referred to a Committee consisting of the Assistant District Commissioner and the District Engineer of the Public Works Department, both of the District in which the land is situated, and a Military Member to be nominated by the Tenant: and the decision of the said Committee on such questions shall be absolutely final and binding on both parties.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunder set their hand
this day of August 1947

Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

Witness
HIRING AGREEMENT No.

An agreement made this 26th day of June 1947 between Husain eff. Ali Qleibo, of Pek el Bizar, Old City, Jerusalem, (hereinafter called the Landlord) of the one part and the District Commissioner of Jerusalem District, on behalf of the Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

1. The Landlord agrees to let the Tenant agrees to hire the land described in the first Schedule hereto, situated in the Allenby Barracks, Jerusalem, for the period 1st April, 1947 to 31st March, 1947 determinable as hereinafter provided, at an annual rent of £P 9,449, payable by half-yearly instalments, the first instalment being paid

3 months after the commencement of this agreement, namely on

6 months

2. THE TENANT AGREES:

i) to pay the rent in the manner aforesaid.

ii) not to assign the tenancy save to Officers of the Government of Palestine or His Majesty's Forces without the written consent of the Landlord previously obtained.

3. AND IT IS AGREED THAT:

i) The Tenant may, by giving one month's notice in writing to the Landlord, determine the tenancy hereby granted on any day.

ii) The Tenant may, during the tenancy, carry out any work on the said land, including the erection of buildings and the installation of fixtures etc. which he may desire.

iii) The Tenant may at any time remove all or any of the buildings or other structures or materials erected or placed by him upon the land and shall, at the expiration of the tenancy, if so required by the Landlord, restore the said land as nearly as may be to the state in which it was when first hired or pay compensation in lieu of such restoration, PROVIDED ALWAYS that such compensation shall not be greater than the value of the land at the time when possession thereof was first taken, no account being taken of any appreciation in the value thereof due to the emergency.

iv) Should the Landlord so desire and the Tenant agree, any buildings or other structures may be left intact on the land, the Landlord paying to the Tenant or allowing to him as deductions from any sums due to the Landlord under this Agreement such sum as is agreed to be the value of such work, and such amount shall in case of dispute be determined by an Arbitrator appointed by the parties hereto.

4. THE LANDLORD AGREES:

i) That the Tenant performing his obligations hereunder shall peaceably hold and enjoy the aforesaid land during the said term without any interruption by the Landlord or any person rightfully claiming under or in trust for him.

ii) To pay all and discharge all outgoings imposed on the said land or upon the occupier thereof by the Government or any Local Authority.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained the Tenant undertakes for the purposes of Section 2 (2) of the Defence (Exemption from Rates) Regulations, 1943, to bear any increase in rates directly due to the Tenant's occupation.
6. AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND DECLARED:

i) That any notice required under this Agreement may be given by registered letter and the parties hereto waive any right to be served with a notarial notice notwithstanding anything contained in the Ottoman Code of Civil Procedure.

ii) That any notice dispute whatever between the parties on any matter arising out of this Agreement and the tenancy hereby concluded, shall be referred to a Committee consisting of the Assistant District Commissioner and the District Engineer of the Public Works Department, both of the District in which the land is situated, and a Military Member to be nominated by the Tenant and the decision of the said Committee on such questions shall be absolutely final and binding on both parties.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunder set their hand this 26th day of June 1947.

Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

[Signature]

Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

[Signature]

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER JERUSALEM DISTRICT.

Witness

[Signature]
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES
JERUSALEM DISTRICT
JERUSALEM

No. 37/27/6014.

31st April, 1947.

Sir,
Madam,
Gentlemen,

I have the honour to refer to my Notice of Requisition issued under Regulation 47, 48 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, Published in the Palestine Gazette No. 1318 of the 17th of February, 1944, and to offer you a rental of ... . . . . . . . . . . . . per dunum per annum in respect of the land owned by you having an area of ... . . . . . . . . square metres in Block No. ... . . . . . . . . Parcel No. ... . . . . . . being occupied by the War Department.

Please let me know within 30 days from the date of this letter whether you accept this offer, so that an agreement may be concluded as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,

F. E. MAHER
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
JERUSALEM DISTRICT.

TO: Abdul Razaq Ali Abdul Razaq Kleibo

Copy to: Area Hirings Officer,
Jerusalem.

See file 37/29/60/4/14
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER’S OFFICES
JERUSALEM DISTRICT
JERUSALEM

No. 37/27/60.

30 April, 1947.

Sir,
Madam,
Gentlemen,

I have the honour to refer to my Notice of Requisition issued under Regulation 47, 48 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, Published in the Palestine Gazette No. 1315 of the 17th of February, 1944, and to offer you a rental of £2,300.00 per annum in respect of the land owned by you having an area of 1,250 square metres in Block No. 0111 Parcel No. 22 being occupied by the War Department.

2. Please let me know within 30 days from the date of this letter whether you accept this offer, so that an agreement may be concluded as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

F. E. FANN

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
JERUSALEM DISTRICT.

TO: Fatmeh Abdul Razzaq Kleibo

Copy to: Area Hiresga Officer,
Jerusalem.

See filo No. 12/60/4/4.
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES
JERUSALEM DISTRICT
JERUSALEM

No. 37/27/804.

30 April, 1947.

SIR,

Madam,

Secretary,

I have the honour to refer to my Notice of Requisition issued under Regulation 47, 48 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, Published in the Palestine Gazette No. 1318 of the 17th of February, 1944, and to offer you a rental of \( \frac{249}{4} \) per dunum per annum in respect of the land owned by you having an area of \( \frac{127}{4} \) square metres in Block No. 30113 Parcel No. being occupied by the War Department.

2. Please let me know within 30 days from the date of this letter whether you accept this offer, so that an agreement may be concluded as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
JERUSALEM DISTRICT

TO: Siham
Abdul-Wahab
Through Lawyer Ali Sabbagh
To Muhammad Abu Hnes Swind,
Ramla, Rdi.

Copy to: Area Hirings Officer,
Jerusalem.
HIRING AGREEMENT No.

An agreement made this 26th day of June 1947 between Saffa bint Ali Cheibbo, c/o Hussein Cheibbo, of Suk el Bizar, Old City, Jerusalem, (hereinafter called the Landlord) of the one part and the D.C. (Israel) on behalf of the Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

1. The Landlord agrees to let the Tenant agrees to hire the land described in the first Schedule hereto, situated in the Allenby Barracks, Jerusalem, for the period 1st April, 1947 to 31st March, 1948 determinable as hereinafter provided, at an annual rent of £P 9.449 mls payable by half-yearly instalments, the first instalment being paid on

3 months after the commencement of this agreement, namely on

6 months.

2. THE TENANT AGREES:

   i) to pay the rent in the manner aforesaid.
   ii) not to assign the tenancy save to Officers of the Government of Palestine or His Majesty's Forces without the written consent of the Landlord previously obtained.

3. AND IT IS AGREED THAT:

   i) The Tenant may, by giving one month's notice in writing to the Landlord, determine the tenancy hereby granted on any day.
   ii) The Tenant may, during the tenancy, carry out any work on the said land, including the erection of buildings and the installation of fixtures etc. which he may desire.
   iii) The Tenant may at any time remove all or any of the buildings or other structures or materials erected or placed by him upon the land and shall, at the expiration of the tenancy, if so required by the Landlord, restore the said land as nearly as may be to the state in which it was when first hired or pay compensation in lieu of such restoration, PROVIDED ALWAYS that such compensation shall not be greater than the value of the land at the time when possession thereof was first taken, no account being taken of any appreciation in the value thereof due to the emergency.
   iv) Should the Landlord so desire and the Tenant agree, any buildings or other structures may be left intact on the land, the Landlord paying to the Tenant or allowing to him as deductions from any sums due to the Landlord under this Agreement such sum as is agreed to be the value of such work, and such amount shall in case of dispute be determined by an Arbitrator appointed by the parties hereto.

4. THE LANDLORD AGREES:

   i) That the Tenant performing his obligations hereunder shall peaceably hold and enjoy the aforesaid land during the said term without any interruption by the Landlord or any person rightfully claiming under or in trust for him.
   ii) To pay all and discharge all outgoings imposed on the said land or upon the occupier thereof by the Government or any Local Authority.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained the Tenant undertakes for the purposes of Section 2 (2) of the Defence (Exemption from Rates) Regulations, 1943, to bear any increase in rates directly due to the Tenant's occupation.
6. AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND DECLARED:
   i) That any notice required under this Agreement may be given by registered letter and the parties hereto waive any right to be served with a notarial notice, notwithstanding anything contained in the Ottoman Code of Civil Procedure.
   ii) That any notice dispute whatever between the parties on any matter arising out of this Agreement and the tenancy hereby concluded, shall be referred to a Committee consisting of the Assistant District Commissioner and the District Engineer of the Public Works Department, both of the District in which the land is situated, and a Military Member to be nominated by the Tenant and the decision of the said Committee on such questions shall be absolutely final and binding on both parties.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunder set their hand:

this 26th day of June 1947

Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

Landlord

Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

Tenant

Witness

DISTRIBUTION COMMISSIONER JERUSALEM DISTRICT.
Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my Notice of Requisition issued under Regulation 47, 48 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, Published in the Palestine Gazette No. 1318 of the 17th of February, 1944, and to offer you a rental of per dunum per annum in respect of the land owned by you having an area of square metres in Block No. Parcel No., being occupied by the War Department.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

TAHEL BEY TURUJMAN,
Hassidoff Building,
Jaffa Road,
Jerusalem.

COPY TO: Aree Hirings Officer,
Jerusalem.
Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my Notice of Requisition issued under Regulation 47, 48 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, Published in the Palestine Gazette No. 1318 of the 17th of February, 1944, and to offer you a rental of 12.30 per dunum per annum in respect of the land owned by you having an area of 79 square metres in Block No. 30113, Parcel No. 22, being occupied by the War Department.

Please let me know within 30 days from the date of this letter whether you accept this offer, so that an agreement may be concluded as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be, your obedient servant.

F. F. Mann

TO: Adel Bey Turujman,
    Hessidoff Building,
    Jaffa Road,
    Jerusalem.

COPY TO: Area Hirings Officer,
         Jerusalem.

A.M. 28/6/47
HIRING AGREEMENT No.

An agreement made this 20th day of June 1947, between Huftieh bint Hasan El Pitiani, o/c Izzat Nuseibe, Damascus Gate, Jerusalem, (hereinafter called the Landlord) of the one part and the District Commissioner of Jerusalem District, on behalf of the Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

The Landlord agrees to let the Tenant agrees to hire the land described in the first Schedule hereto, situated in the Allenby Barracks, Jerusalem, for the period 1st April, 1947, to 31st March, 1948, determinable as hereinafter provided, at an annual rent of £P 11,790 miles payable by half-yearly instalments, the first instalment being paid annual.

3. months after the commencement of this agreement, namely on 6 months.

2. THE TENANT AGREES:

i) to pay the rent in the manner aforesaid.

ii) not to assign the tenancy save to Officers of the Government of Palestine or His Majesty’s Forces without the written consent of the Landlord previously obtained.

3. AND IT IS AGREED THAT:

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PROVIDED ALWAYS that such compensation shall not be greater than the value of the land at the time when possession thereof was first taken, no account being taken of any appreciation in the value thereof due to the emergency.

iv) Should the Landlord so desire and the Tenant agree, any buildings or other structures may be left intact on the land, the Landlord paying to the Tenant or allowing to him as deductions from any sums due to the Landlord under this Agreement such sum as is agreed to be the value of such work, and such amount shall in case of dispute be determined by an Arbitrator appointed by the parties hereto.

4. THE LANDLORD AGREES:

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ii) To pay all and discharge all outgoings imposed on the said land or upon the occupier thereof by the Government or any Local Authority.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained the Tenant undertakes for the purposes of Section 2 (2) of the Defence (Exemption from Rates) Regulations, 1943, to bear any increase in rates directly due to the Tenant’s occupation.
6. AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND DECLARED:
   
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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunder set their hand

this 20th day of June 1947

Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

[Signature]

Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

[Signature]

Witness

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
JERUSALEM DISTRICT.
HIRING AGREEMENT NO.

An agreement made this 11th day of June 1947

Fatme bint Haj Khalil bin Hussein Nashashibi
of 12 1st Quarter, Jerusalem
(hereinafter called the Landlord) of the one part and the

District Commissioner of Jerusalem District on behalf of the Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

1. The Landlord agrees to let the Tenant agrees to hire the land described in the first Schedule hereto, situated in the Allenby Barracks for the period 1st April 1947 to 31st March 1948 determinable as hereinafter provided, at an annual rent of £P 4,800 miles per annum payable by half-yearly instalments, the first installment being paid annual

2. THE TENANT AGREES:

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5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained the Tenant undertakes for the purposes of Section 2 (2) of the Defence (Exemption from Rates) Regulations, 1948, to bear any increase in rates directly due to the Tenant's occupation.
6. AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND DECLARED:
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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunder set their hand this 30th day of June 1947.

Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

[Signature]

Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

[Signature]

Witness

[Signature]

Witness

3750/PP67/ID 12/83
HIRING AGREEMENT NO.

In agreement made this 3rd day of June 1947

between

Hassan Eff. Gleibo, Damascus Gate,

Jerusalem.

(Tenant called the Landlord) of the one part and the

Trust Commissioner of Jerusalem District on behalf of the

Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

The Landlord agrees to let the Tenant agrees to hire the land described in the first
Schedule hereto, situated in the Allenby Barracks, Jerusalem. for the
period 1st April, 1947 to 31st March, 1948

determinable as hereinafter provided, at an annual rent of £P 12,599

delivered monthly, first installment being paid

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ii) not to assign the tenancy save to Officers of the Government of Palestine or His

   Majesty’s Forces without the written consent of the Landlord previously obtained.

3. AND IT IS AGREED THAT:

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iii) The Tenant may at any time remove all or any of the buildings or other structures or

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    the tenancy, if so required by the Landlord, restore the said land as nearly as may be to

    the state in which it was when first hired or pay compensation in lieu of such restoration.

    PROVIDED ALWAYS that such compensation shall not be greater than the value of the

    land at the time when possession thereof was first taken, no account being taken of any

    appreciation in the value thereof due to the emergency.

iv) Should the Landlord so desire and the Tenant agree, any buildings or other

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    determined by an Arbitrator appointed by the parties hereto.

4. THE LANDLORD AGREES:

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   enjoy the aforesaid land during the said term without any interruption by the Landlord or

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Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

Witness
HIRING AGREEMENT No. 262

AGREEMENT made this 26th day of June 1947

between

Hussein Eff. Chelibo,
Suk el Bizer, Old City, Jerusalem.

of

Jerusalem District.

and the

Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Landlord) of the one part and the

District Commissioner of Jerusalem District on behalf of the

Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

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payable by half-yearly instalments, the first instalment being paid on

3 months after the commencement of this agreement, namely on

6 months.

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this 26th day of June 197

Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

[Signature]

Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

[Signature]

Tenant

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
JERUSALEM DISTRICT
HIRING AGREEMENT NO.

An agreement made this day of 1944

between Ikram Reem Rashed El Khalidi

of o/o F.1.3.1224, Heifa,

(hereinafter called the Landlord) of the one part and the

District Commissioner of Jerusalem District on behalf of the
Government of Palestine (hereinafter called the Tenant) of the other part.

1. The Landlord agrees to let the Tenant agrees to hire the land described in the first
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Signed by the Landlord in the presence of

[Signature]
Witness

Signed by the Tenant in the presence of

[Signature]
Tenant

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
JERUSALEM DISTRICT.
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES
JERUSALEM DISTRICT
JERUSALEM

No. 37/27/504.

30 April, 1947.

Sir,
Madam,
Gentlemen,

I have the honour to refer to my Notice of Requisition issued under Regulation 47, 48 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, Published in the Palestine Gazette No. 1016 of the 17th of February, 1944, and to offer you a rental of $50.00 per dunum per annum in respect of the land owned by you having an area of 22 square metres in Block No. 311, Parcel No. 22 being occupied by the War Department.

2. Please let me know within 30 days from the date of this letter whether you accept this offer, so that an agreement may be concluded as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

F. E. MANN
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
JERUSALEM DISTRICT

TO: Asmat Mohamed Abdul Wahab el Khalfi.

Copy to: Area Hirings Officer,
Jerusalem.
NOTICE OF CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION UNDER SECTION 4(1)(a)(e) AND (d) OF THE ORDINANCE IN RESPECT OF THE TAKING OF POSSESSION OF LAND AND/OR BUILDINGS ON BEHALF OF HIS MAJESTY.

1. Name of Claimant
   Name: Shahinda Bint Muhamed Tewfik Al
   Address: Khalili & Daoud Abdul Wahab el
   Business or description: Fitiani in his capacity as attorney
   of Husniya Abdul Wahab el Fitiani and Tuham bint Muhamed Tewfik el
   Khalili.
   Landmarks: Katamon Quarter, Jerusalem.

2. Situation area and precise description of the land
   Block: Telpioth Quarter, Jerusalem.
   Parcel: Parcel
   Area: 113
   Share: 22
   Building plots: 50395 M
   NIL

3. Nature of Interest:
   If owner-occupier, state date
   of last known letting and
   give short particulars thereof:
   Owners: NIL

4. Where applicable; annual value as
   assessed under the Urban Property
   Tax Ordinance (Cap. 147)
   NIL

5. Particulars of mortgages etc.
   NIL

6. Particulars, in the case of
   agricultural land, of the building
   giving details in respect of:
   (a) Things previously done for
   the purpose of the cultivation
   of the land and
   (b) Seeds
   (c) Tillages
   (d) Growing crops
   (e) Unexhausted manures
   (f) Other similar matters
   NIL
7. Date possession taken by competent authority:

The Army has been in possession long before the present war, i.e., before the Emergency Regulations were enacted. Requisition Notice was served to take effect, in respect of parcel 28 Block 113, from 7/1/44 in respect of parcel 19 Block 114 from 29/2/44.

8. Particulars of claim, showing how the amount claimed under each of the below mentioned heads is calculated:

(a) In respect of compensation under section 4(1)(a)
(b) In the case of agricultural land the amount payable by an incoming tenant under section 4(1)(c).
(c) In respect of expenses incurred in complying with directions Section 4(1)(d).

We claim the same rental rate p.d.p.a. as has been paid under the tenancy agreements referred to under para. 8 above.

Dated the 2nd day of September 1944.

Signature of Claimant: __________________________

Name and address of advocate if any: __________________________

Name and address of surveyor if any: __________________________

[Signature]

[Signature]
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FOR THE PRESS

JULY 28, 1953

JERUSALEM

As the international repercussions to the transfer of the Israeli Foreign Office from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and the position of the United States in this regard, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at his news conference today made the following remarks:

The United States regrets that the Israeli Government has seen fit to move its Foreign Office from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

We have made known our feelings on that subject to the Government of Israel on two prior occasions. It was done in July 1952 and again in March 1953, when our Ambassador, hearing rumors that this was in contemplation, called upon the Israeli Government and requested them not to transfer their Foreign Ministry to Jerusalem.

We feel that way because we believe that it would embarrass the United Nations, which has a primary responsibility for determining the future status of Jerusalem. You may recall that the presently standing United Nations resolution about Jerusalem contemplates that it should be to a large extent at least an international city rather than a purely national city. Also, we feel that this particular action by the Government of Israel at this particular time is inopportune in relation to the tensions which exist in the Near East, tensions which are rather extreme, and that this will add to rather than relax any of these tensions.

The views that I express here are, we know, shared by a considerable number of other governments who have concern with the development of an atmosphere of peace and good will in that part of the world.

We have notified the Government of Israel that we do not intend to move our own Embassy to Jerusalem.

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