

CABLEGRAM DATED 6 MARCH 1949 FROM THE ACTING MEDIATOR TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A NOTE ADDRESSED
TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF SYRIA CONCERNING
ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS

To the President of the Security Council:

"On 2 March I sent the following note to the Prime Minister of
Syria:

'I have the honour to refer to my communication of
30 January 1949 inviting your Government and the other Arab
Governments other than Egypt to enter into Armistice Negotiations
in pursuance of the resolution of the Security Council of
16 November 1948. I have subsequently received formal replies
to this invitation from the Governments of Transjordan,
Saudi Arabia, Iraq and the Lebanon. To this date no reply has
been received from your Government or from the Government of
Yemen. In the meantime, as you know, a general armistice
agreement between the Egyptian and Israeli forces has been
concluded, and negotiations for similar agreement involving the
forces of Transjordan and Lebanon are now underway under the
United Nations Chairmanship at Rhodes and Ras en Nakoura
respectively.

'I have reported all of these significant developments to
the Security Council.

'I would greatly appreciate an early reply from your
Government indicating the course it proposes to follow with
regard to the armistice negotiations called for under the
Security Council resolution of 16 November 1948.

'Ralph Bunche,
Acting Mediator'

I have been advised that the reply of the Syrian Government will
be forthcoming at an early date.

(Signed) Ralph Bunche
Acting Mediator"

