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My dear Mr. President:

With reference to the raising of the American Mission at Tel Aviv and the Israeli Mission at Washington to the rank of embassies, the Israeli Government has now inquired whether this Government would approve the appointment of Mr. Eliahu Epstein, the present Special Representative of Israel at Washington, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States. x20-13

Mr. Epstein has recently changed his name to Eliahu Elath and has been Special Representative of Israel at Washington since June 1948. x w. e.

x w. e. I believe the appointment of Mr. Elath as Ambassador would be entirely satisfactory and, if you approve, I will be glad to inform the American Mission at Tel Aviv that your views may be communicated to the Israeli Government.

Sincerely yours,

DEAN ACHESON

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"APPROVED

HARRY S. TRUMAN"

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The President,  
The White House.