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ELIAHU EPSTEIN TO MOSHE SHERTOK

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ONE, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS JUST RECOGNIZED STATE IN FOLLOWING LANGUAGE  
QUOTE THIS GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT A JEWISH STATE HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED IN  
PALESTINE AND RECOGNITION HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT THEREOF.  
THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AS THE DEFACTO AUTHORITY  
OF THE NEW STATE OF ISRAEL UNQUOTE

TWO, FORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH WHITE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT  
RECOGNITION DEFACTO RATHER THAN DEJURE BECAUSE ANNOUNCED GOVERNMENT PROVISIONAL  
IN NATURE.

THREE, SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES ARE AS FOLLOWS: CLARK CLIFFORD WHITE HOUSE  
SPOKESMAN TELEPHONED WASHINGTON FRIENDS ADVISING THAT STATE DEPARTMENT ~~XXX~~  
AT NOON FOURTEEN MAY AGREE IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION IN EVENT PROMPT REQUEST THEREFOR  
RECEIVED. AFTER CAREFUL CONSULTATION HERE WITH BEN COHN, GINZBERG, FOLLOWING  
LETTER DRAFTED AND SENT TO PRESIDENT AND TO SECRETARY OF STATE

(THE ENTIRE LETTER FROM DR. WEIZMANN WAS THEN QUOTED)

FOUR, WIDE CONSULTATION AND PRIOR NOTIFICATION PRECLUDED BY PLEDGE OF SECRECY  
DEMANDED BY CLIFFORD.

FIVE, EARLIER DURING DAY HENDERSON TELEPHONED TO ASCERTAIN BOUNDARIES OF NEW  
STATE. ADVISED THAT BOUNDARIES IN ACCORD UN RESOLUTION.

SIX, CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRED THAT I TAKE TITLE FOR THIS ACT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR SENDING LETTER.

EPSTEIN

