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The Hon. Harry S. Truman
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Among the most shocking aspects of the developments with respect to the Palestine question have been the repeated indications of the desire of the Near Eastern Division of the State Department to defeat your policy on this question and to make as its own the vicious policy of Foreign Minister Bevin of Great Britain.

Within the last few days there has come into our possession conclusive evidence that the State Department position has been inspired by the oil companies, and that there is active collusion among the oil companies, the State Department, and Great Britain. This collusion has taken the form of an attack upon you to the heads of the Arab states by James Torry Duce, Vice President of Aramco, insistence to them that your Middle Eastern exports oppose partition, and assurance to them that the partition decision will not be allowed to stand; and perhaps most important of all, that American dollars can be used to finance the war on the Jews.

All of this is made clear in a report submitted by Mr. Duce to the head of the Arabian American Oil Company. This report has become the Bible of our State and Defense Departments despite the very clear indication that oil concessions are not in jeopardy.

A copy of the Memorandum is enclosed and I hope that you will think it of sufficient importance to read.

Since receiving this documentary evidence we have further come into possession of the following information which comes from an unchallengeable source. The new British Ambassador to the United States has expressed himself within the last few days as being greatly disturbed by the extent of American resentment of Britain's policy on Palestine.



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At the same time, however, he has expressed his complete satisfaction with the cooperation of the State Department -- cooperation with respect to demanding and securing a shrinkage of the area of the Jewish state. Ambassador Franks, according to our information, says that while there is no formal agreement with the State Department, there is a general understanding with respect to the necessity of, and the nature of, the boundary revisions. The boundary revisions which the British seek are the detachment of the Negev from the Jewish state, to be ceded to the Arabs; the turning over of Jerusalem, scheduled to be an international enclave, to the Arab state; port rights in Haifa for the Arab state; another outlet to the sea for the Arab state. The intention is to proclaim Abdullah the ruler of such an enlarged Arab state.

The British explain that the ceding of territory is necessary in order to save the face of the Arab states. In other words, aggressors, who have suffered a military defeat, are to be rewarded with a political victory. It is to this plan in its major outlines that Mr. Henderson has given his consent.

It is inconceivable that you are aware of this policy or that it could meet with your approval.

We believe that the time has come to dismiss those who are responsible for subverting your policy, and to take such other action as will demonstrate before the world that neither the State Department nor the British Foreign Office are running the affairs of the American government. If I may take the liberty of suggesting it, it would seem to me that such action might take the form:

1) Of the immediate de jure recognition of the state of Israel within the boundaries of the November 29 resolution.

2) Of the granting of a loan to that state.

3) Of assistance in the arming of the military forces of Israel as part of the normal conduct of our relations with a friendly state.

If such action is within your contemplation, Mr. President, may I urge that it be forthcoming now without delay?

Sincerely yours,

Froda Kirchway
President