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[REDACTED]

TO: [REDACTED]
FROM: [REDACTED]

On 21 May 1950, the Prime Minister announced to the Knesset that Adolf EICHMANN had been arrested, and would stand trial in Israel. Ben-Gurion was accompanied by the chief of the security services, and publically noted that it was the security services that they credit for the capture of Eichmann.

2. [REDACTED] said that the security services involved were primarily [REDACTED], and to a much lesser extent the service of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that they were national heroes, and not for just a week. He noted that the phone had not stopped ringing once since the announcement, and with all the calls of congratulation. Meyer [REDACTED] who has not always been completely co-operative, called to say that in the future Weizmann Institute would co-operate in any way possible with the security services. Members of the Knesset after the announcement by the Prime Minister had been wildly enthusiastic in their praise of the security services.

3. [REDACTED] did not furnish any details of the circumstances surrounding EICHMANN's capture other than the following: [REDACTED] had been working on the case for six months, and EICHMANN has been in [REDACTED] custody for several days. The police will take him over in two days (ie, on 25 May), but until then [REDACTED] is responsible for him, despite the fact that [REDACTED] is not set up for such duties. [REDACTED] is afraid of suicide as well as escape. He noted that if EICHMANN succeeded in either course, the head of [REDACTED] would have no recourse but to kill himself. He added that the child of [REDACTED] had had virtually no sleep for the past several nights, worrying about EICHMANN.

4. Apparently EICHMANN was kidnapped by [REDACTED], and will be turned over to the police. The police will then take in [REDACTED] and in reply to the obvious defense charge that the arrest was illegal, will claim that the arrest was perfectly legal, but that is not the police's problem, since it was the police who brought him there. [REDACTED] said that this course would accept this, since it is obvious EICHMANN could not have acted of his own free will, and since public opinion is

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so very strong in this case.

5. [] noted that both [] and [] had worked on the case of EICHMANN, and that both would probably be especially happy to hear the news.

6. It is suggested that some sort of congratulation is due from HQS -- perhaps a letter from [] to [] would be appropriate, or possibly a letter from [] to [] although this latter might short-change [] who would feel that [] was being neglected.

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