Downing Street,
February, 1938

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch Confidential A of the 4th of September, 1938, regarding the installation of a "Hellschreiber" apparatus at the German Consulate-General at Jerusalem, and to express regret that it has not been possible to furnish you with an earlier reply.

2. It appears from the letter enclosed in your despatch that reception on long waves on that apparatus has proved unsatisfactory. It is not clear whether reception on short waves has been found practicable, but I enclose, for your information, some memoranda relating to the apparatus which have been furnished by the Postmaster General.

3. While I see no objection to the Consul General being allowed to continue to operate
apparatus on the conditions already
communicated to him, I do not consider
that the Palestine Government is under
any obligation either to install or to
operate the apparatus so as to enable the
D.N.B. news service to be received and
disseminated in Palestine, and I can
see no grounds upon which it could be
contested that this constituted
discrimination against a foreign news
agency so long as other channels of
communication which can be used by any
news agency are available. I do not
consider that Dr. Reichart should himself
be allowed to arrange for the direct
reception of the D.N.B. news messages for
dissemination, and I would suggest that the
Reichspostminister should be informed that
it is the policy of the Palestine
Government that the reception in Palestine
of
of multiple destination wireless messages
for dissemination should be undertaken by
the Palestine Postal Administration, and
(if it is finally decided that a "Hellschreiber"
apparatus should not be installed and worked
by that administration) that in present
circumstances the Palestine Postal
Administration cannot see its way to instal
a "Hellschreiber" apparatus for the reception
of the D.N.B. news service.

I have, etc.