

מא. 11. 2. 35 (16.7.35) .א.ב.ל

When discussing the composition of the proposed L.C. I must state the numbers of representatives of each community. For this purpose it is essential that I should know before 19th July your wishes as to number of Jewish nominated members.

I originally suggested five and this figure was approved by the Cabinet last November. But in response to suggestion in para 4 (1) of your predecessor's Secret despatch of 6th December, which was repeated in his secret letter to me of the same date, and in accordance with the expressed wishes of the then S. of S. for India, I proposed in para 3 of my Secret despatch of 8th January and again in my letter to C-L. of 6th June, that Jewish nominated members should be reduced to four and commercial (non-Jewish) members increased to two. In this connection see my letter to Parkinson of 9th July.

Whichever figure you prefer I shall gladly tell them, but I must know before I start my conversation which figure you wish to be adopted since if either higher or lower figure is stated now it will be impossible to go back on it later without breaking faith towards one side or the other.

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I shall reply to your telegram of 15th July later today.

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Your telegram of 15th July.

In my telegram of 21st June I said that I would communicate to leaders the main features of proposals approved by Cabinet. I therefore propose during my informal discussions to deal with the following subjects.

A. Composition of C.

I have explained in my telegram of today the need for my knowing your wishes as to nominated members.

B. Method of Elections

I shall explain that voting will be on the basis not of Pal. citizenship but of legal residence over a specified period, and that elections will be communal and not common. I shall add that these decisions are unalterable, but that I should welcome leaders' advice on questions whether elections should be direct or indirect and whether women should be allowed to vote.

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