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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING EQUATORIAL GUINEA

This report is based on information received from my representative in Equatorial Guinea.

1. Preparations for the withdrawal of Spanish troops from Santa Isabel have continued. Negotiations have been held between Ministers and other officials of the Government of Equatorial Guinea, and Spanish civil and military officials to expedite operations and the agreed schedule is being implemented as planned. The selection of points for embarkation of heavy equipment and troops has been completed.

2. Both parties have committed themselves to observe the following time-table for the departure of cargo and passenger ships: the Ciudad de Toledo on 1 April at 1800 hours GMT; the Villa de Bilbao on 3 April at 1800 hours GMT; and the Ernesto Anastasio on 4 April at 2100 hours GMT.

3. During the negotiations to establish the schedule and arrangements for the withdrawal of Spanish troops and Spanish civilians wishing to leave from Fernando Póo, both parties had recourse to the good offices of the representative of the Secretary-General in order to assist them in resolving a number of questions.

4. The mission sent by the World Health Organization, to which I made reference in paragraph 2 of S/9053/Add.5, arrived in Santa Isabel on 1 April 1969 and initiated conversations immediately with the health authorities of the Government of Equatorial Guinea.
