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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE STATIONING OF UNITED NATIONS
MILITARY OBSERVERS IN THE SUEZ CANAL SECTOR

1. At its 1366th meeting on 9-10 July 1967 it was the consensus of the views of the members of the Security Council that the Secretary-General should request the Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO) "to work out with the Governments of the United Arab Republic and Israel, as speedily as possible, the necessary arrangements to station United Nations Military Observers in the Suez Canal sector under the Chief of Staff of UNTSO". The Council will recall that suggestions in this sense were made by the Secretary-General on 4 July to the parties concerned.
2. Both the Government of the United Arab Republic and the Government of Israel have now informed the Secretary-General of their acceptance of the proposed stationing of United Nations Military Observers in the Suez Canal sector (see letters attached in annexes I and II). The Secretary-General has, therefore, requested the Chief of Staff of UNTSO, General Odd Bull, to work out with the local authorities on both sides a plan for the actual stationing of Military Observers and to send as many Military Observers as possible from his present establishment without delay to the Suez Canal sector.
3. The Secretary-General is also, after consultation with the parties, undertaking the recruitment of the needed twenty-five additional Military Observers, as reported to the Council in his statement of 9 July 1967.

ANNEX I

Letter dated 10 July 1967 from the Permanent Representative of the
United Arab Republic addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to confirm the consent of my Government as to your proposal made in the Security Council regarding the placing on both sides, as a temporary measure, of United Nations Observers in the Canal sector.

I take it that Major General Odd Bull, UNTSO Chief of Staff, in implementing the consensus agreed upon by the Security Council at the end of its meeting held on 9 June 1967, will contact the United Arab Republic authorities regarding the modalities of recruiting, placing and deployment of the Observers.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Mohamed Awad EL KONY
Permanent Representative of the
United Arab Republic Mission
to the United Nations

ANNEX II

Letter dated 11 July 1967 from the Permanent Representative
of Israel addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey to you the reply of the Government of Israel on the proposal to station United Nations observers, under the Chief of Staff, General Odd Bull, in the Suez Canal sector.

The Government of Israel again reaffirms its policy of strict observance of the cease-fire and shares the desire of the Security Council that the cease-fire instituted by the Security Council should be effective.

The Government of Israel accepts to discuss with General Bull arrangements to station United Nations observers in observation posts in the Suez Canal sector to observe the cease-fire agreement, it being understood that such observation posts will, on the basis of reciprocity, be set up on both sides of the line.

(Signed) Gideon RAFAEL
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations
