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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE PROGRESS  
OF THE EFFORTS OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO  
THE MIDDLE EAST

1. On 29 March 1968, in pursuance of paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967, I submitted to the Security Council a third report (S/8309/Add.2) on the progress of the efforts of the Special Representative to the Middle East, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring. This report covers his activities after 29 March.
2. From his headquarters at Nicosia in Cyprus, Ambassador Jarring undertook discussions with Governments concerned as follows:
  - (a) With the Jordanian Government at Amman on 2, 12 and 28 April and 7 May;
  - (b) With the Government of the United Arab Republic at Cairo on 8 and 17 April and 9 May;
  - (c) With the Israel Government at Jerusalem on 11, 16, 23 and 30 April and 8 May;
  - (d) With the Lebanese Government at Beirut on 10 May.
3. In addition to reporting to me regularly on the results of those meetings, Ambassador Jarring met with me at Teheran on 22 April. On that occasion it was agreed that he would return in due course to United Nations Headquarters for further consultations with me and that he would, thereafter and for the time being, pursue his mission there.
4. Ambassador Jarring arrived in New York on 15 May 1968. In the ensuing five weeks, he had, in addition to regular consultations with me, frequent contacts, both at a formal and informal level, with the permanent representatives of the parties.
5. On 21 June, Ambassador Jarring departed for a vacation trip to Europe. He, however, continued to keep himself informed of the Middle East situation and took advantage of the presence of Foreign Ministers of the parties in various European countries to meet with them as follows:

(a) With the Foreign Minister of the United Arab Republic at Stockholm on 25 June;

(b) With the Foreign Minister of Israel in The Hague on 26 June;

(c) With the Foreign Minister of Jordan at London on 8 and 9 July.

He also met with the Director-General of the Israel Foreign Ministry in London on 9 July. He returned to United Nations Headquarters on 22 July.

6. In the light of his most recent discussions, Ambassador Jarring has arrived at the conclusion, which I fully endorse, that it will be important and advisable for him to pursue further his efforts to promote agreement among the parties. In the near future, he will return to the Middle East for renewed contacts with the parties concerned.

7. Ambassador Jarring is due great credit for the patience, persistence and statesmanship he has demonstrated in carrying out his extremely vital mission. He has applied to this task qualities of dedication, wisdom and tact which he has in rare degree.

