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SECURITY COUNCIL

I consider it my duty to draw the attention of the Security Council to the latest development along the Jordan-Israel Armistice Demarcation Line. As soon as possible I will, under my mandate from the Security Council, report on the whole development in Palestine up to the present time, to the extent that it has not been covered by previous reports to the Council. My reporting will have to cover not only the Jordan-Israel situation, but also the situation along the Israel-Egypt Demarcation Line and developments in general in the respects covered by the Security Council's resolutions of 4 April and 4 June 1956.

The most recent events at the Jordan-Israel Demarcation Line have brought to a culmination a development which has been progressing for a few months. I have, so far, not found that I should ask the Security Council to take the situation up for active consideration. However, if the Governments concerned, in co-operation with the Truce Supervision Organization, do not bring the situation rapidly under control, I submit that the Security Council should take the matter up in order to reaffirm its policy, as established in previous resolutions, and, were the Council to find the continued deterioration to constitute a threat to peace, to decide on what further measures may be indicated.

Accept, Mr. President, etc.

(Signed) Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General

