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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE WITHDRAWAL
PROVISION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 211 OF 20 SEPTEMBER 1965

Addendum

1. Additional information relating to the question of withdrawal of armed personnel which has been received since the circulation on 5 October 1965 of the last report on this subject (S/6719/Add.1), is set forth below.
2. The withdrawals of all armed personnel foreseen in the Security Council resolutions 211 of 20 September and 214 of 27 September have not taken place and there is no present indication that they are likely to take place any time soon under present circumstances unless some new effort is made.
3. Replies of Pakistan and India to the two requests of the Secretary-General for an indication of their plans and schedules for the withdrawal of their respective forces back to the positions held by them before 5 August 1965, were conditional and have been circulated to the Council (S/6725 and S/6720).
4. On 13 October I sent a third message to the two parties on the subject of withdrawals,

"His Excellency
Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri
Prime Minister of the Republic of India
New Delhi, India

His Excellency
The Field Marshal Mohammed Ayub Khan
President of the Republic of Pakistan
Rawalpindi, Pakistan

I have the honour to communicate with Your Excellency further on the question of the withdrawal of all armed personnel back to the positions held by them before 5 August 1965, as called for in paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution 211 of 20 September 1965. In this regard, I would also call to your attention the last paragraph of Security Council resolution 214 of 27 September 1965 on this subject. Your Excellency will, no doubt, recall my messages to your Government of 20 and 23 September requesting from you the plan and schedule for the withdrawals required. I am, of course, mindful of your Government's reply as set forth in the

letter of your Permanent Representative to the United Nations of /26 September - Pakistan/ /28 September - India/. Nevertheless, it is a matter of great concern to me and, I believe, to the members of the Security Council, that as of the date of this message, the withdrawals foreseen in the Security Council resolutions have not taken place.

The Security Council resolution of 20 September, in its paragraph 1, demanded that 'a cease-fire should take effect on Wednesday, 22 September 1965, at 0700 hours GMT' and 'a subsequent withdrawal of all armed personnel back to the positions held by them before 5 August 1965'. Security Council resolution 214 of 27 September in its last paragraph 'calls upon the parties promptly to withdraw all armed personnel as necessary steps in the full implementation of the resolution of 20 September'. United Nations Military Observers with the function of ensuring 'supervision of the cease-fire and withdrawal of all armed personnel' are now stationed throughout the area of conflict, and the cease-fire which was accepted by both parties is becoming increasingly effective. I now therefore would like to renew my appeal to you to take the necessary steps to bring about the withdrawals called for by the Security Council resolutions.

I would hope that each party might find it possible to formulate its own plan and schedule of withdrawal and that the respective time schedules might be co-ordinated with the assistance of United Nations Military Observers. If, however, this should not be considered feasible I would suggest that appropriate military representatives of each side be brought together by and with an acceptable representative to be designated by me to meet either in the area or at United Nations Headquarters for the purpose of formulating an agreed withdrawal plan.

I hope for an early reply to this message. In view of Security Council concern with this matter, I am circulating this message to the Council for the information of its members.

Please accept, Excellency, the expression of my highest consideration and warmest regards.

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5. Approaches from the field have been made to appropriate authorities on both sides with a view to securing tactical readjustments along the Line for the purpose of avoiding incidents resulting from the close proximity of opposing forces which

might unintentionally lead to a resumption of fighting. Replies to these suggestions are awaited from both sides. The proposed tactical readjustments, of course, would be only a temporary measure pending the full implementation of the withdrawal provisions of the Security Council resolutions.

