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749th AND 750th MEETINGS HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 1956

Second and final report of the Secretary-General on the plan for an emergency
International United Nations Force requested in the resolution adopted by the
General Assembly on 4 November 1956 (A/3276)

ADDENDUM

Note by the Secretary-General: In addition to
the communications reproduced in document A/3302
and Add.1-28, the following communication from the
Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the
United Nations has been received by the
Secretary-General.

New York, 26 November 1956

Desirous of making a contribution towards the restoration of peace in the Middle East, the Swiss Federal Council has decided to take over as a charge on the Confederation the cost of transporting the United Nations Emergency Force by aircraft of SWISSAIR from Naples to Egypt from 13 to 26 November 1956, which latter was the expiry date of the contract concluded on 11 November between the United Nations and SWISSAIR.

The Federal Council's decision covers the cost of transport proper and the sum of about Sw. frs. 30,000 paid by SWISSAIR, by order of the United Nations, for insurance of the company's staff. The cost of war risks insurance is, however, excluded.

By virtue of this decision, SWISSAIR will have no further financial claim against the United Nations, and vice versa. In particular, the United Nations will have no claim on the sums collected by SWISSAIR for repatriating the nationals of various countries from Egypt to Europe.

It is understood that this action by the Confederation is based solely on its desire to play its part in restoring peace in the Middle East. The juridical status of the transport of the International Force is unaffected thereby. That transport implies no responsibility on the part of Switzerland, but was the subject of an agreement under private law between the United Nations and SWISSAIR.
