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QUESTION CONSIDERED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT ITS  
749TH AND 750TH MEETINGS HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 1956Letter dated 11 November 1956 from the Secretary-General,  
addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel

New York, 11 November 1956

In your letter 8 November transmitted by the Delegation to the United Nations, you declared on behalf of the Government of Israel that the Government "will willingly withdraw its forces from Egypt immediately upon the conclusion of satisfactory arrangements with the United Nations in connexion with the Emergency International Force."

In acknowledging receipt, I declared myself to be most anxious to explore further with your representatives the arrangements to be made with the United Nations Force, which would put into effect your promise to withdraw from Egypt.

The development of the United Nations Force is now so advanced as to make it urgently necessary to effect the conditions for its proper functioning. One of those conditions is obviously an implementation of your declaration. I have so far no indication of what arrangements with the United Nations Force you have in mind as necessary in relation to Israel.

In view of the great urgency of the matter I would appreciate if you would take, immediately, the necessary steps for the discussions which may have to take place on the basis of the clarification of your views of the arrangement in relation to the United Nations Force, which you undoubtedly wish to give me first. I am certainly reflecting the opinion of the General Assembly in stressing the vital importance of, in that way, establishing without delay the basis on which your declaration will be fully implemented.

(Signed) Dag HAMMARSKJOLD  
Secretary-General

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