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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 17 January 1968, in pursuance of paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967, I submitted to the Security Council a second progress report (S/8309/Add.1) on the progress of the efforts of the Special Representative to the Middle East, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring. This report, which is based on a text received from Ambassador Jarring, covers his activities after 16 January.

2. Since that date, Ambassador Jarring has visited capitals in the Middle East from his headquarters in Nicosia for discussions with the Governments concerned as follows:

Cairo: 16-18 January, 30 January, 1 February, 7-8 February,
13 February, 19-20 February, 7 March;

Amman: 21-22 January, 4 February, 14 February, 25 February, 14 March,
20 March;

Jerusalem: 22-23 January, 1-2 February, 11-12 February, 16 February,
19 February, 27 February, 10-11 March, 18 March, 22 March.

In addition, Ambassador Jarring proceeded to United Nations Headquarters for consultations with me, which took place between 28 February and 2 March.

3. In his efforts to promote agreement between the Governments concerned, Ambassador Jarring has found a basic difference of outlook between the Governments of the United Arab Republic and Jordan on the one hand and the Government of Israel on the other, which have been described in some detail by the parties themselves in Security Council documents and at recent meetings of the Council.

4. The efforts of Ambassador Jarring have been directed towards obtaining an agreed statement of position concerning the implementation of the resolution, which could then be followed by meetings between the parties under his auspices. So far these efforts have not resulted in agreement. Moreover, they have been interrupted by recent events. However, Ambassador Jarring is now renewing his contacts with the parties and a further report may be submitted when the results of these contacts are known.

