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Note by the Secretary-General on the Jarring Mission for
the information of the Security Council

I have been informed by the Government of the United States that the peace proposal initiated by that Government has been accepted by the Governments of Israel, Jordan and the United Arab Republic. Subsequently, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, my Special Representative to the Middle East, has been given confirmation of these acceptances by the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of those three Governments.

In accordance with that proposal and in the light of these acceptances, Ambassador Jarring has addressed to me on 7 August the following letter:

"The United Arab Republic, Jordan and Israel advise me that they agree:

(A) that having accepted and indicated their willingness to carry out resolution 242 in all its parts, they will designate representatives to discussions to be held under my auspices, according to such procedure and at such places and times as I may recommend, taking into account as appropriate each side's preference as to method of procedure and previous experience between the parties.

(B) that the purpose of the aforementioned discussions is to reach agreement on the establishment of a just and lasting peace between them based on (1) mutual acknowledgement by the United Arab Republic, Jordan and Israel of each other's sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence, and (2) Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied in the 1967 conflict, both in accordance with resolution 242.

(C) that, to facilitate my task of promoting agreement as set forth in resolution 242, the parties will strictly observe, effective July 1* at least until October 1, the ceasefire resolutions of the Security Council.

* Foot-note by the Secretary-General: This date is now obsolete. The new effective date of the cease-fire is "2200 hours GMT 7 August until at least 2200 hours GMT 5 November".

Ambassador Jarring and I are of the opinion that there now is a reasonable basis on which to renew immediately his contacts with the parties with a view toward initiating discussions under his auspices on the issues. It may be said, therefore, that the Jarring Mission is now re-activated. In fact, Ambassador Jarring is already intensively at work in this new stage of his peace effort. I may add by way of explanation that the Jarring Mission, since its inception in 1967, has never been suspended or inoperative, although at times, due to unavoidable circumstances, it has been relatively inactive.

This marks, in my view, an important step forward in the search for peace in the Middle East. It is a beginning, a welcome first step. It is already clear, however, that the road ahead is long, arduous and uncertain. But if only there is a will for peace, all obstacles can be surmounted and peace will be achieved.

I extend to Ambassador Jarring my very best wishes for his success in meeting this new challenge. He may rely on my unfailing support and he certainly merits the support of all Governments and peoples in the world who believe in peace.
