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STATEMENT BY SPOKESMAN FOR SECRETARY-GENERAL

A spokesman for the Secretary-General confirmed tonight that the Secretary-General had received a message from the Foreign Minister of Jordan, Samir Rifai, to the effect reported in news dispatches from Amman today (regarding its intention not to continue to cooperate with Col. Byron Leary, Acting Chief of Staff of UNTSO).

The Secretary-General has sent an immediate reply in which he has pointed out that he is unaware of grounds which may have led the Jordanian Government to its conclusion and that Colonel Leary continues to enjoy the full personal confidence of the Secretary-General. He appeals to the Jordanian Government to continue its cooperation with Colonel Leary. If further discussion were to be found necessary, the Secretary-General proposes that the matter be pursued in personal contacts between the Government of Jordan and the Secretariat.

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Press Release SG/629
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STATEMENT BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

There has been a further exchange of communications between the Government of Jordan and the Secretary-General today. In response to the Secretary-General's offer, the Government of Jordan has indicated that it would welcome a personal exchange of views with the Secretary-General very soon on pending questions. The Secretary-General has now sent word to the Foreign Minister of Jordan, Mr. Samir Rifai, that he can leave New York Friday, arriving in Amman Sunday. The Secretary-General hopes to take advantage of the opportunity for personal contacts with other governments in the area, insofar as time permits. He plans to be back at Headquarters by December eighth.

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