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NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

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The following are the remarks of the Secretary-General made tonight at New York International Airport prior to his departure for the Middle East:

I am leaving for a short visit to the Middle East, in the first place Amman in Jordan, reserving time for a visit to Jerusalem and perhaps Damascus.

The reason is that recently some problems have been accumulating and I felt that it would be a good idea to have a chance for personal conversations with persons in responsible positions in the area. So I suggested in the first instance personal contact and mentioned, if it was considered desirable, that I would try to make myself available.

The reaction was that, in the view of the people on the spot, it would serve a very useful purpose if I could come out and, for that reason, I am going for some brief discussions.

I will be back a week from Sunday and I hope that the trip will prove useful. I have every reason to believe it will.

Question: Are you going to Cairo?

Answer: I don't think so.

Question: Are you going to see Colonel Leary?

Answer: I expect so.

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