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Transcript of remarks to the Press made by Sec. Gen.
on arrival at Jollevild Airport.

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NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS:

TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS TO THE PRESS MADE BY SECRETARY-GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD
ON ARRIVAL AT IDLEWILD AIRPORT ON 29 DECEMBER 1957

Q.: Could you make a brief statement about your visit to UNEF?

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL: The main purpose of this trip was to visit the troops out in Gaza -- the United Nations Emergency Force. I spent Christmas with them, and I must say I carry back a very fine experience of cooperation, a truly international spirit, happiness in a new and untried task, great devotion to the general cause we are all serving. Certainly that was a Christmas experience I would not have missed for anything and I hope that by going there, which really met my own deepest desires, it also managed to give them a little bit of the impression of how much they are alive in our interest, how much of the center of this whole operation is in the work and the interest of the United Nations.

Q.: Would you care to make any other comment about the rest of your trip at all?

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL: No, nothing at all. I could say that the rest of the trip was, if not exactly private, very close to it.

Q.: On the international situation, would you care to comment on that?

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL: I never comment on that one, whatever thoughts I may have about it.

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