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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY-GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD  
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Referring to what the representative of the United States just said, I wish to inform the members of the Council that as of last night I took the necessary preparatory steps, and I hope that it will be possible for us to live up to the expectations expressed by Mr. Lodge.

I envisage an operation, so to say, on two levels: the observation group proper, mentioned in the resolution, which may not be on the spot tomorrow because it should be composed of highly qualified and experienced men who have to be collected from various corners of the globe; a second category which is, so to say, the group servicing the main group which can be recruited from the personnel we have at present in the Truce Supervision Organization in Jerusalem. They could, some of them, be in Lebanon tomorrow.

There is, of course, a difficulty which does arise in the planning of the activities of the Truce Supervision Organization and as to the status of its personnel, but I do not believe that this will introduce any delay. I feel, therefore, happy to be able to say that I think that the expectations of the representative of the United States will prove justified.

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