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UNOGIL REQUESTS 25 ADDITIONAL OBSERVERS

(The following was received from a UN Information Officer with UNOGIL, Beirut.)

The United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon yesterday (13 July) made the following announcement:

"One month ago today -- 13 June 1958 -- the observers of the United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon appeared for the first time on the roads of Lebanon.

"With the continuing expansion of the activities of the Observation Group, the number of military personnel at its disposal has increased from five observers with five jeeps to the present total of 138 observers with 89 vehicles and 10 aircraft.

"The first group of observers had been detailed to this mission from the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Jerusalem. These observers are now being returned to their original duty stations and replacements will therefore be necessary. Furthermore, the activities of the Group are steadily expanding into further areas in Lebanon.

"For these reasons, the Group has requested the Secretary-General to make available an additional 25 observers within the next few days.

"This will coincide with the arrival in Beirut of previously ordered jeeps and other equipment, in order to enable the additional observers to begin their activities immediately, with maximum efficiency."

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