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TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS BY SECRETARY-GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD
ON QUESTION OF CREDENTIALS, BEFORE SECURITY COUNCIL, 15 JULY 1958

The SECRETARY-GENERAL: It is correct that we received a communication this morning regarding the question of credentials. However, I want to submit for your consideration the following observations.

The communication is signed "Ministry of Foreign Affairs"; that is to say, it is not signed by any person. In the second place, I, as Secretary-General, only have information which stems from Baghdad Radio concerning the establishment of a new cabinet. The third point to which I wish to draw attention is that, according to article 5 of the ratified Constitution of the Arab Union,

"The King of Iraq shall be head of the Union and, in his absence, the King of Jordan shall be the head."

We have noted the declarations made by King Hussein of Jordan regarding the Government which at present claims to be the Government in Baghdad.

In these circumstances, I have not felt that this cable was in order as credentials.

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