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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY-GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD
IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, 16 JULY 1958

Mr. President,

The Members of the Council will this morning find before them an interim report from the Observation Group in Lebanon, which they have sent by cable, setting out the complete success with which they have met in their arrangements for inspection all along the Lebanese border. The fact that this result -- of which I gave a first, short indication in my statement yesterday -- is reached at this stage, that is to say the day of the renewed debate in the Security Council and the landing of U.S. units, is a coincidence, the results achieved by the United Nations yesterday being the logical and successful outcome of its previous efforts. It is my feeling that with the result thus achieved, the Observation Group is fully equipped to play the part envisaged for it in the total UN effort, with its general purpose of ensuring against infiltration and smuggling of arms.

I hope that no later developments will cause a set-back and that the Observation Group, although neither in the past nor probably in the future being the only tool used by the United Nations for the general purpose just mentioned, will retain its key position.

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