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Discussion between Ambassador Loutfi and Mr. Bunche  
on Monday, 25 August 1958, at 12 noon.

In discussing the outcome of the emergency special session of the Assembly last week, Omar Loutfi said that major credit was due to Mahgoub (Foreign Minister, Sudan). He said that from the outset Mahgoub had taken initiative and had a big hand in bringing about the final successful result. He said that this all stemmed from Mahgoub's role at the Benghazi meeting of the Arab League. Mahgoub, he said, asserts unqualifiedly that all of the Arab League states, including Lebanon and Jordan, had agreed on the Benghazi resolution. Chamoun, he said, had given his consent but, subsequently, Malik telephoned Chamoun from New York and urged him to withdraw his consent on the basis of Malik's assurance that he could get more than Benghazi offered out of the UN and Washington.