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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL FURTHER TO HIS REPORT OF 29 APRIL 1963  
ON CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO YEMEN

1. In my report to the Security Council of 29 April 1963 concerning certain developments relating to Yemen (S/5298), I indicated in paragraph 7 my intention to present a further report to the Security Council on the specific subject of United Nations Observers, after I had received Major-General Carl Von Horn's report on his exploratory talks on this matter with the parties concerned. General Von Horn has now reported to me on his consultations.
2. The parties reconfirmed to General Von Horn their acceptance of the terms of disengagement in Yemen as set forth in paragraph 4 of my 29 April report, General Von Horn's concern, of course, being primarily with the questions relating to the need for United Nations Observers and their functions in the proposed demilitarized zone and elsewhere, as provided in the terms of disengagement.
3. General Von Horn held discussions with the appropriate authorities of the three parties in Cairo, Jedda and San'a, obtaining the views of the parties on the role, functioning, scope and strength of the proposed United Nations observation operation. He also carried out ground and aerial reconnaissance on both sides of the Saudi Arabia-Yemen border, visiting Qizan (Jizan), Najran, Sa'da and Hodeida, and covering the proposed demilitarized or buffer zone, totalling approximately 15,000 square kilometres.
4. On the basis of the information available to me, with particular reference to that provided by General Von Horn, I have reached the following conclusions:
  - (a) United Nations Observers in the Saudi Arabia-Yemen area are vitally necessary and could well be the decisive factor in avoiding serious trouble in that area; their presence is desired by all parties concerned; moreover, as the need is urgent, they should be dispatched with the least possible delay.

- (b) The terrain and climatic conditions in which the Observers will have to function in some sectors will be extremely difficult and even forbidding, and considerable danger may be encountered. Problems of movement and logistics will be great. But the provision and stationing of Observers is considered feasible and can be accomplished.
- (c) The total personnel required for the observation mission would not exceed 200. This figure would include a small number of Officer-Observers; a ground patrol unit numbering about 100 men, in suitable vehicles, carrying arms for self-defence only; crews and ground crews for about eight small aircraft, fixed-wing and rotary, for reconnaissance and transport; and personnel for such essential supporting services as communications, logistics, medical aid, transportation and administration.
- (d) It is estimated that the United Nations observation function would not be required for more than four months.
- (e) It is expected that at least some of the personnel required for this short term observation operation could be recruited from UNEF, UNTSO, and possibly UNMOGIP, subject to clearance with the Governments concerned. I plan to designate General Von Horn as Chief of the Yemen Mission.
- (f) The military personnel in the Yemen operation would be employed under conditions similar to those applying to other United Nations operations of this nature.
- (g) It is estimated that the total cost of the Yemen Observation Mission will be less than \$1,000,000. It has been my hope that the two parties principally involved, namely Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Republic, would undertake to bear the costs of the Mission and discussions toward this end are under way. These parties, I am sure, will agree to bear at least part of the costs, in money or in other forms of assistance. If necessary, to cover part of the cost of the operation, I would proceed, as previously indicated, under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1862 (XVII).

5. Because of the importance and urgency of the United Nations observation function to the peaceful resolution of the Yemen issues, I have it in mind to proceed with the establishment of the operation as soon as the necessary arrangements for the men and their requirements can be made. This should mean that a small advance party could be sent to the area within a few days.

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