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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED YEMEN OBSERVATION MISSION

- 1. In paragraph 4(g) of my Report to the Security Council of 27 May 1963 (s/5321), reference was made to the possibility that the two parties principally involved, namely Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Republic, would undertake to defray the costs of the Yemen operation. I am now able to report that Saudi Arabia has agreed orally to accept "a proportionate share" of the costs of the operation, while the United Arab Republic agrees in principle to provide assistance in an amount equivalent to \$200,000 for a period of two months, which would be roughly half of the cost of the operation over that period as indicated in my Report on Financial Implications (S/5323). It is not precluded, of course, that an appeal to the United Arab Republic Government for additional assistance could be made at the end of the two months, should it be found necessary to extend the operation beyond that period. I have asked both Governments for written confirmation of these financial positions and I expect to have favourable replies shortly.
- 2. In the light of the foregoing circumstances, there are no financial implications for the United Nations in getting the Yemen Observation Mission established and the operation under way, or for its maintenance for an initial period of two months.
- 3. It is now my intention, therefore, to proceed with the organization and dispatch of the Mission without further delay, and _ am instructing General Von Horn to go to the area with a small advance party within a day or two.
- 4. While it has been my assumption that the agreement has been in effect since the parties signified their acceptance of the terms of disengagement (S/5298), the arrival in the area of General Von Horn and an advance party of United Nations Observers will formally signify that all provisions of the terms of disengagement are in effect and that the agreement is being implemented in full.

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