



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 August 1967

Dear Ambassador Thalmann,

I am glad to know that you are willing to undertake and that your Government is prepared to make you available for the special ad hoc assignment as my Personal Representative in Jerusalem for the purpose of obtaining information in order to facilitate my report to the Security Council and the General Assembly. The General Assembly, in its resolution of 14 July 1967 (A/RES/2254 (ES-V), in its paragraph 3 "Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council and the General Assembly on the situation and on the implementation of the present resolution." (Copy enclosed). That part of my report relating to the implementation of the resolution will consist of the written reply to my note about the resolution dated 15 July 1967 (see copy enclosed) which the Government of Israel has promised to address to me. Your concern, therefore, will be exclusively with the gathering of information "on the situation" in Jerusalem which I may, in turn, use in my report to the Council and the General Assembly.

I would wish you to gather as much information as you reasonably can within a period of two weeks on the situation in Jerusalem, by which is meant specifically conditions relating to the assumption of control by Israel authorities over the entire city of Jerusalem. Thus, a major part of your attention

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would be directed to the situation in the Old City of Jerusalem, with specific reference to the status and treatment of Arab residents and their property and the situation of all of the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

Your function, thus, is to obtain information only and involves no responsibility on your part for any negotiations or for the implementation of the General Assembly resolution.

At my request, the Government of Israel has given assurance that it will cooperate with your mission and will give you all necessary facilities and information.

In my view, it is not necessary for you to come to New York before embarking on this assignment. This letter will serve as your terms of reference. I would hope that you would be able to depart for Jerusalem on or about Tuesday, August 15th. You should plan then to devote not more than a fortnight to gathering information, after which you would return to New York to prepare the report you are to submit to me.

I attach herewith two copies of a Special Service Agreement, both signed by me. If you find its terms acceptable, will you kindly sign them, (filling in also the blank space regarding your address), and return one copy to me through Mr. Spinelli's office?

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'U Thant', written over a horizontal line.

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