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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the United States aircraft which had been made available for many years to the Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO).

As the Permanent Representative is aware, the UNTSO aircraft, which was parked at Amman airfield, was destroyed during an air attack on the Amman airfield on 5 or 6 June. The Secretary-General deeply regrets the destruction of the aircraft and wishes to assure the Permanent Representative of the United States that the necessary action will be initiated to secure adequate compensation.

The Secretary-General would be grateful to the Permanent Representative if he would express to his Government the Secretary-General's very warm appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by the UNTSO aircraft and its successive crews almost since the inception of the UNTSO operation. The aircraft has provided an essential mobility for the Chief of Staff which has added greatly to his effectiveness. The crews provided by the United States Air Force have always shown themselves ready and willing to make every possible effort to assist the Chief of Staff in his very difficult tasks and in doing so they have brought great credit to the United States Air Force. The Secretary-General would, therefore, be grateful if his appreciation could also be expressed to the United States Air Force and through it to the officers and men who have at various times served as air crew for the UNTSO aircraft.

The Secretary-General avails himself of this opportunity to express his appreciation to the United States Government not only for its co-operation in providing an aircraft for UNTSO but also for its helpfulness and ready and prompt co-operation in regard to this and other United Nations peace-keeping operations.

15 June 1967