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Dear Ambassador Munro,

I enclose a memorandum on the current discussions in the Security Council on the Israel hydro-electric project at B'not Yaakov.

The United States, the United Kingdom and France have drafted a compromise resolution on this subject after prolonged negotiations with Syria and Israel. While we would like to have seen a more positive and clear-cut resolution, my Government, as the party most closely and particularly affected, will cooperate with the Council in implementing this draft if it is adopted as it stands. For many reasons, both regional and international, it would, I think, be imprudent to reopen the text at such an advanced stage of discussion. If the Council votes on the text as it stands at its next meeting the way will be opened for constructive action to be taken in the field.

My colleagues and I will, of course, be glad to remain in touch with you for further discussion of this matter. We are also taking steps to make our views known in Wellington.

May I express to you and Mrs. Munro my most cordial wishes for the New Year.

Yours very sincerely,

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