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Dear Ambassador Muniz,

I enclose a memorandum on the current discussions in the Security Council on Israel's water development project. I send this to you because your colleague has not yet arrived to take up his position in the Security Council and also because of your familiarity with this issue as a result of the Huleh discussions in May 1951.

The United States, the United Kingdom and France have drafted a compromise resolution by negotiation with the parties concerned. This resolution closely follows the policy whereby the Huleh drainage problem was successfully settled in 1951. While this draft falls far short of what Israel would have liked to see, it does seem to represent an honest attempt at a compromise between varying views. If the resolution is adopted in this form my Government is willing to cooperate in its implementation in the constructive spirit expressed by its three sponsors in their introductory speeches.

I shall be back at my duties on the 10th January and will, of course, be glad to discuss this matter with you and your colleagues whenever occasion arises. We shall also take steps to explain our viewpoint in Rio de Janeiro.

May I express to Mme. Muniz and yourself my most cordial wishes for your happiness and success in the New Year.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

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