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Supplemental Information

With reference to the reports set forth in documents S/7930/Add.44-46, the following chronological account of the events on 24 October 1967 in the Suez Canal sector was subsequently received on 25 October from the Chief of Staff of UNTSO:

"1. Patrol from OP Blue northwards to Geneifa at southern end of Little Bitter Lake reported that artillery and small arms firing in progress at 1223 GMT on their arrival in area. Initiator of fire in area of Geneifa not ascertained as patrol was approaching that location when firing first heard.

"2. OP Mike in Port Taufiq reported that at 1231 GMT Israel initiated artillery fire at oil refinery approximately five kilometres west of Port Taufiq. OP Blue confirmed heavy exchange of fire in Port Taufiq-Suez area at 1235 GMT. At 1240 GMT Senior Israel Representative at Kantara reported that UAR forces had opened fire south of kilometre 150 and north of Port Taufiq (vicinity Mitla Road junction MR 767-815) at 1235 GMT. OP Lima confirmed artillery and mortar fire in the Kubri kilometre 150 area at 1235 GMT but could not identify origin of fire. At 1250 GMT OP Lima reported UAR forces initiated fire at Israel Defence Forces positions 800 metres south-east of OP. The resulting exchange of fire included machine-gun, mortar and artillery.

"3. At 1245 GMT cease-fire for 1330 GMT was proposed. Senior UAR Liaison Officer agreed to cease-fire proposal at 1300 GMT. Senior Israel Representative stated that communications were distorted and could not confirm cease-fire time. At 1325 GMT Senior Israel Representative stated that he had received message from Israel Defence Forces Headquarters that Israel would agree to cease-fire at 1530 GMT. During the period 1250 GMT to 1410 GMT firing increased in intensity and in the Suez-Port Taufiq area included machine-gun, tank, mortar, recoilless rifle and artillery fire. Israel fire appeared to be concentrated on the oil refinery west of Port Taufiq, but also shifting to Suez township. UAR fire was directed at Israel Defence Forces positions in vicinity of OP Blue. In OP Lima area fire continued from both parties with the bulk of the fire concentrated in the area of Mitla Road junction (approximately four kilometres south of OP) at Kubri (MR 767-815).

"4. At 1420 GMT a new cease-fire was proposed for 1445 GMT. Senior UAR Liaison Officer accepted at 1423 GMT. At 1435 GMT Senior Israel Defence

Forces Liaison Officer advised operations UNTSO that he was unable to accept cease-fire proposal for 1445 GMT. At 1435 GMT on instructions from HQ UNTSO a new cease-fire for 1530 GMT was proposed. Senior UAR Liaison Officer accepted at 1445 GMT and Senior Israel Representative accepted at 1513 GMT. (For details of cease-fire proposals see S/7930/Add.44 and 45.) Firing in the Port Taufiq-Suez and OP Lima area continued heavy to sporadic until the cease-fire time. There was isolated firing by both parties between 1530 GMT and 1535 GMT, but cease-fire considered effective at 1535 GMT. From 1538 GMT to 1541 GMT explosions, believed to be from oil refinery west of Port Taufiq, were reported by OP's Mike, Blue and Lima. Heavy pall of smoke reported over Suez area."
