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CABLEGRAM DATED 4 MAY 1951 FROM THE ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE TRUCE SUPERVISION ORGANIZATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SUBMITTING AN ADDITIONAL REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN CONNEXION WITH HIS CABLEGRAMS OF 2 AND 3 MAY 1951 (S/2113 AND S/2118)

1. At 0655 hours GMT on 4 May Senior Syrian Delegate to Syrian Israel MAC stated that Israelis had at 0245 hours GMT started heavy mortar and machine gun fire on positions held by Arab civilians in vicinity of MR 207/257 in end outside demilitarized zone. Syrians claim that attack was repulsed but heavy firing continued until 0530 GMT followed by sporadic firing. United Nations Observers heard heavy mortar and machine gun fire between hours of 0245 and 0530 GMT in direction of Shezaine Village in southern end of central sector of demilitarized zone. Observers saw mortar explosions. Syrians state that one Arab civilian has been killed and eight wounded so far.
2. Israelis claim that on 3 May gun attack was launched on positions on Tel El Mutila in Israel territory and on morning of 4 May two new attacks were made.
3. Observers report that no, repeat no, Syrian troops have been seen in demilitarized zone. They further report that mortar fire was directed from Israel territory on Arab positions in demilitarized zone and in Israel territory. Observers add that neither Syrians nor Israelis have shown the head<sup>1/</sup> to United Nations Observers. Observers state that they have no, repeat no, evidence of mortar fire or artillery fire being directed from Syrian territory towards demilitarized zone or Israel territory. Observers report that Arabs in civilian clothes in demilitarized zone have been seen firing with automatic weapons and rifles.
4. Informal meeting between Israel and Syrian Delegations began at Syrian Israel MAC Headquarters in customs house in Syrian territory at 0900 hours GMT today and lasted two hours. Both Delegations, in compliance with request of United Nations Acting Chief of Staff, agreed on cease fire effective today at 1330 hours GMT.

1/ Text as received; subject to correction.

5. Israel Delegation was escorted to Syrian Israel MAC Headquarters at about 0830 GMT by United Nations Observer and when party had crossed Benet Yakub Bridge across Jordan River in demilitarized zone automatic weapons fire was opened south of bridge. After informal meeting two United Nations observers in white jeeps escorted Israel Delegation back to Mishmar where Israelis have police station in demilitarized zone. On their return to Syrian Israel MAC Headquarters Observers were fired on with automatic weapons by persons who were about 250 yards south of police station.

Acting Chief of Staff

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