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CABLEGRAM DATED 1 MAY 1951 FROM THE ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE TRUCE SUPERVISION ORGANIZATION TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING A REPORT COVERING THE PERIOD 25 APRIL TO 1 MAY 1951

FOLLOWING IS REPORT TO SECURITY COUNCIL FOR PERIOD 25 APRIL TO 1 MAY 1951.

1. ON 25 APRIL UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS ATTEMPTED TO INVESTIGATE SYRIAN COMPLAINT THAT ISRAELIS WERE CONSTRUCTING FORTIFICATIONS IN A KIBBUTZ IN CENTRAL SECTOR OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE. ISRAEL POLICE WERE REQUESTED TO FURNISH AN ESCORT TO THIS KIBBUTZ FROM WHICH UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BARNED* BUT POLICE REFUSED TO PROVIDE ESCORT STATING THAT UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS SHOULD NOT ENTER THAT KIBBUTZ.

2. DURING WEEK UNDER REVIEW REPORTS WERE RECEIVED FROM ISRAEL DELEGATION TO SYRIAN-ISRAEL MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION THAT FIRE HAD BEEN OPENED ON NIGHTS OF 22-23 APRIL AND 27-28 APRIL FROM NUQEIB AREA IN SOUTHERN SECTOR OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE TOWARDS EIN GEV ON EASTERN SHORE OF LAKE TIBERIAS. THERE WERE NO REPEAT NO CASUALTIES. UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS SAW SOME SIGNS OF HITS OF SMALL-ARMS FIRE ON BUILDINGS ON EASTERN SIDE OF EIN GEV. ARAB INHABITANTS OF NUQEIB REPORTED THAT ON NIGHTS IN QUESTION THEY FIRED ON ISRAEL PATROLS APPROACHING VILLAGE.

3. ON 29 APRIL SENIOR ISRAEL DELEGATE COMPLAINED THAT SYRIAN ARMY UNITS HAD CROSSED INTO CENTRAL SECTOR OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE AND ESTABLISHED STRONG POINTS THERE. UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO REPEAT NO SYRIAN TROOPS IN CENTRAL SECTOR OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

4. ON 30 APRIL ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF WROTE TO OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ISRAEL DELEGATION TO MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSIONS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A TEAM OF UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS TO INTERVIEW ARAB CIVILIANS FROM VILLAGES OF GHANNAME AND BAQQARA

* As received, subject to correction.

IN CENTRAL SECTOR OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE WHO HAD BEEN EVACUATED TO ISRAEL.

5. ON MORNING OF 1 MAY ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF HAD A MEETING WITH SYRIAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES SYRIAN FOREIGN OFFICE. ON AFTERNOON OF SAME DAY CHIEF OF STAFF HAD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ISRAEL DELEGATIONS TO MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSIONS. BOTH PARTIES HAVE AGREED THAT THEIR SENIOR DELEGATES TO SYRIAN-ISRAEL MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION SHOULD HOLD AN INFORMAL MEETING LATER THIS WEEK TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF HOLDING AN EARLY FORMAL MEETING OF SYRIAN-ISRAEL MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION.

ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF
