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CABLEGRAM DATED 5 MAY 1951 FROM THE ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISION ORGANIZATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL TRANSMITTING A REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL COVERING THE PERIOD 1335 HOURS GMT
4 MAY 1951 TO 1500 HOURS GMT
5 MAY 1951

1. It had been agreed by Israel and Syrian delegations that cease-fire would come into effect at 1330 GMT on 4 May. Since that time United Nations observers have reported following: Observers at Mishmar where Israelis have police station in central sector of Demilitarized Zone heard four rifle shots coming from direction of Khury farm area at 1335 GMT. Origin of fire not determined. At 1340 GMT three rifle shots were heard from hill in Demilitarized Zone to north of Mishmar police station. At 1400 GMT mortar shell explosion was heard from southern end of central sector Demilitarized zone. At 1405 GMT bursts of automatic weapons were heard coming from Mishmar area.
2. United Nations observers in southern part of central sector of Demilitarized Zone reported that area was quiet between 1500 to 1530 GMT but for next half hour they saw twenty-two mortar shells bursting on Arab positions inside Israel territory on Tel-el-Mutilla. There was further mortar firing on Arab positions one hour and half later together with automatic weapons and rifle fire of undetermined origin. Observers reported that they saw no Syrian troops in Demilitarized Zone.
3. On evening 4 May United Nations observers asked Mukhtar of Shamalne village and his people to evacuate Israel-controlled territory. Mukhtar stated that he could not comply for following reasons:
 - (a) Israelis were still firing mortars on his positions despite cease-fire order.
 - (b) Positions occupied by his people were key to defense of Shamalne village and evacuation of present positions would expose village to any action Israelis may elect to take as they did take in the case of Baqqara, Samra, and other villages in Demilitarized Zone.
 - (d) Arabs will defend their villages and lands at any price.

4. On evening of 4 May Israel authorities alleged that Syrians were fortifying positions in Israel territory. Observers proceeded to area and reported that Arab civilians were in these positions and that they saw no Syrian troops.
5. On 5 May, United Nations observers were in Shamalne sector in central sector of Demilitarized Zone from 0430 to 0545 GMT and they reported: Arab positions actually in Israel controlled territory. Armed Arabs in civilian dress are occupying these positions. Exchange of automatic weapons and rifle fire is continuing. Cease fire is definitely not being observed in Shamalne sector.
6. Israel delegation complained that two Syrian Army platoons attacked Israel positions early this morning after mortar preparation but this allegation is not supported by United Nations observers who were in area and saw no such attack.
7. Israel delegation has also complained today that Arabs have opened fire on Israel workers in fields around Ein Gev in southern sector of Demilitarized Zone.
8. At 0900 GMT sporadic exchanges of fire continued in Shamalne sector. One team of United Nations observers were in southern end of central sector of Demilitarized Zone and another on Israel side.
9. At 0920 GMT United Nations observer team in southern end of Demilitarized Zone reported that Arab positions around Tel-el-Mallia were shelled by mortars. Intense machine gun fire followed from both sides. During next ten minutes eleven mortar jets were observed. Sporadic automatic weapons fire continued.
10. Report at 0910 GMT from United Nations observers in Israel occupied territory stated that automatic weapons fire followed by few mortar shells were directed from Israel units on Arab positions and soon after four or five mortar bursts landed on Israel positions on Tel-el-Mutilla. These observers also report that exchanges of fire are continuing.
11. At 1035 GMT exchanges of fire began in Khuri farm and Banat Yacub Bridge areas near Jordan River in central sector of Demilitarized Zone.
12. Following receipt of these reports United Nations Acting Chief of Staff issued second call for cease fire.
13. Observers report that Shamalne area has been quiet from 1230 GMT to 1525 GMT. Heavy automatic weapons fire began again at 1440 GMT in Banat Yacub Bridge and Mishmar areas in central sector of Demilitarized Zone and was continuing at 1500 GMT.

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