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in the Middle East

The following information has been received from the Chief of Staff of UNTSO with regard to the situation in the Israel-Lebanon sector on 31 October 1973:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Mar: 1/ Between 0315 2/ and 1445 Israel forces personnel and vehicles reoccupied position at AMR 2004-2904 3/ west of border pillar 33.

(b) OP Hin: Between 0455 and 1503 Israel forces personnel and vehicle reoccupied position at AMR 1799-2788 near border pillar 11.

(c) OP Ras: At 0939 Israel forces personnel and vehicle reoccupied position at AMR 1907-2749 north of border pillar 19. Between 1205 and 1215 heavy mortar fire by Israel forces.

2. Complaints by the parties:

(a) During the night of 30/31 October several mortar and artillery rounds from Israel territory fell on the Lebanese regions of Boustane (AMR 1742-2781), Ain Ebel (AMR 1880-2795), Yaroun (AMR 1897-2761), Et Tairi (AMR 1882-2827) and Hanine (AMR 1860-2792). Damage to property was reported.

(b) During the night of 30/31 October an Israel forces patrol supported by four armoured personnel carriers penetrated Lebanese territory to a distance of approximately 500 metres and took position in the thalweg located between Blida (AMR 1905-2827) and Mhibib (AMR 1975-2842), then withdrew to Israel at 0130 on 31 October.

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- 1/ The locations of the observation posts are given in document S/11057.
2/ All times GMT.
3/ AMR - approximate map reference.

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(c) On 31 October between 1219 and 1300, several mortar rounds fired from Israel territory fell on the Lebanese regions of Yaroun, Maroun er Ras (AMR 1918-2785), Bent Jbail (AMR 1908-2805) and Air Ebel. Damage to property was reported.

Complaints (a) and (b) were not confirmed by United Nations observation. Complaint (c) was confirmed by United Nations observation for that portion within observation range of OP Ras (see paragraph 1 (c) above).

