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Further report on the status of the cease-fire
in the Middle East

The following report on the situation on 10 November 1973 in the Egypt-Israel sector is based on information received from the headquarters of UNEF and UNTSO:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) UNEF Finnish Contingent: Between 0825 1/ and 0908 sporadic tank fire by Israel forces in area one kilometre north-east of Suez. At 1040 and at 1355 tank fire by Israel forces in area west to south-west of Suez.

(b) Swedish Contingent: At 1212 heavy machine-gun fire by Israel forces in area 14 kilometres west to south-west of Ismailia. Fire was returned by Egyptian forces with small-arms fire at the same time.

(c) UNTSO Patrol 25 (AMR 781-832): 2/ Between 0648 and 0910 artillery and mortar fire by unidentified forces south-west of patrol location. Between 0712 and 0745 machine-gun fire by unidentified forces south-west of patrol location. Between 0939 and 0944 machine-gun fire by Israel forces.

(d) Patrol 21 (AMR 751-890): Between 0825 and 0949 small-arms fire by Egyptian forces and machine-gun fire by Israel forces.

(e) Patrol 23 (AMR 744-820): Between 1423 and 1455 artillery fire by Israel forces (confirmed by Patrol 16).

2. Reports on air activity:

UNEF Finnish Contingent: At 0835 one Israel forces small aircraft was observed circling over Suez and four Contrails above the Gulf of Suez towards south-east. Distance 10 to 15 kilometres.

1/ All times GMT.

2/ AMR - approximate map reference.

3. Complaints by the parties:

(a) Complaints have been received from Egypt alleging that:

- (i) At 0830 Israel forces with tanks fired at Egyptian troops of the Third Army from the western side of the Canal north of Suez.
- (ii) On 10 November Israel forces fired by tank at Egyptian troops in the area of Suez.
- (iii) At 1440 Israel forces shelled Egyptian position on Gebel Ataga while one Israel forces helicopter was circling the same area.

Complaints (i) and (iii) were not confirmed by United Nations observation.
Complaint (ii) was confirmed by UNEF.

(b) Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that:

- (i) On 9 November at 1430 Egyptian forces opened fire south-west of Abu-Suweir (AMR 722-873).
- (ii) Between 9 November at 2230 and 10 November at 0030 Egyptian forces attempted to move forward in the area of former OP Orange.
- (iii) On 10 November at 0835 Egyptian forces opened fire north of former OP Yellow.
- (iv) On 10 November at 0850 the tanker "SS Irinia" hit an Egyptian naval mine near Tor (approximately 200 kilometres south of Suez on the eastern side of the Gulf of Suez).

The above complaints were not confirmed by United Nations observation.
