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

The following report on the situation on 16 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 Austrian contingent: Between 1108 1/ and 1115 machine-gun and small arms fire by Israel forces in area south-west of Suez.

(b) UNEF Finnish contingent: Throughout the day single rifle shots by Egyptian and Israel forces in and around Suez City (not exchange of fire).

(c) UNTSO Patrol 24 (AMR 7305-8355): 2/ Between 0850 and 0852 and between 0920 and 1030 small arms fire by Egyptian forces.

(d) UNTSO Patrol 22 (AMR 7516-8600): At 1010 one round of tank fire by unidentified forces.

(e) UNTSO Patrol 14 (AMR 7120-8578): Between 1101 and 1117 machine-gun fire by Israel forces.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) UNEF Finnish contingent: Between 0835 and 0836 two Israel forces jet aircraft flying from north to south first observed north of Suez City and last observed south of Suez City.

(b) UNTSO Patrol 13 (AMR 7526-8765): Between 0828 and 0829 two Israel forces jet aircraft flying north to south then turning east were first observed south-west of patrol location and last observed south-east of patrol location.

1/ All times GMT.

2/ AMR - approximate map reference.

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that:

(a) On 15 November at 1050 Egyptian forces opened fire south-west of Fayid (AMR 7410-8450).

(b) At 1115 on 15 November Egyptian forces opened fire in the area of the Small Bitter Lake.

The above complaints were not confirmed by United Nations observation.