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

The following report on the situation on 28 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) Swedish battalion: At 0120 1/ and at 1905 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces in an area 2 kilometres south of Abu Suweir. At 0253 sub-machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces. Between 0305 and 0308 machine-gun fire, between 1932 and 1933 small-arms fire and at 1945 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces in an area 4 kilometres south-west of Ismailia. Between 0332 and 0334 machine-gun fire by Egyptian forces. Between 0338 and 0344 sporadic machine-gun fire by Egyptian and Israel forces (not exchange of fire). At 2130 small-arms fire, which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces in an area 16 kilometres south-west of Ismailia. At 2143 and at 2334 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces in an area 4 kilometres south of Ismailia. At 2140 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by unidentified forces in an area 10 kilometres south-west of Ismailia.

(b) Finnish battalion: During the day sporadic small-arms fire by Egyptian and Israel forces (not exchange of fire) in the area of Suez city.

(c) Austrian battalion: Between 1730 and 1731 machine-gun fire by unidentified forces in an area 5 kilometres north-west of Great Bitter Lake.

(d) UNTSO Patrol 21 (AMR 7520-9110): 2/ Between 0556 and 0621 machine-gun fire by Israel forces.

(e) Patrol 16 (AMR 7240-8300): Between 0745 and 0820 machine-gun fire by Egyptian and Israel forces (exchange of fire).

1/ All times GMT.

2/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(f) Patrol 23 (AMR 7350-8200): Between 1400 and 1405 anti-aircraft fire by Israel forces (no aircraft seen or heard).

2. Reports on air activity:

Finnish battalion: At 0705 one Israel forces jet aircraft was observed. At 0715 two unidentified jet aircraft were observed. At 0842 two unidentified jet aircraft were observed. At 0903 two unidentified jet aircraft, flying north to south, were first observed north of Suez city and last observed south of Suez city (aircraft type and nationality could not be determined owing to high altitude).

3. Complaints by the parties:

(a) Complaints have been received from Egypt alleging that on 28 November between 1111 and 1113 two Israel forces jet aircraft overflew Egyptian territory from Port Said to Damietta.

The above complaint was confirmed by UNEF observation.

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

- (i) On 26 November at 1530 Egyptian forces moved forward in the Ayun Musa area south-east of Suez.
- (ii) On 27 November at 0415 Egyptian forces opened fire in the area of kilometre 142 of the Suez Canal.
- (iii) On 27 November at 0425 Egyptian forces moved forward in the Ayun Musa area.
- (iv) On 27 November at 0433 Egyptian forces opened fire west of Suez city.
- (v) On 27 November at 0900 Egyptian forces opened fire in the area of kilometre 152.5 on the Suez Canal.
- (vi) On 27 November at 0945 Egyptian forces opened fire in the area of kilometre 141 on the Suez Canal.
- (vii) On 27 November at 1330 Egyptian forces moved forward in the area of kilometre 89 of the Suez Canal.
- (viii) On 27 November at 1630 Egyptian forces opened fire in the area of kilometre 145 of the Suez Canal.
- (ix) On 27 November at 1720 Egyptian forces moved forward and opened fire south of Ismailia.

- (x) On 27 November at 1825 Egyptian forces opened fire west of Timsah.
- (xi) On 27 November at 1835 Egyptian forces opened fire near Nifisha (AMR 7335-8738).
- (xii) On 27 November at 2130 Egyptian forces opened fire east of EL Ballah (AMR 7401-8960).

The above complaints were not confirmed by United Nations observations.
