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

The following report on the situation on 1 December 1973 in the Egypt-Israel sector is based on information received from the headquarters of UNEF and UNTSO:

1. Reports on ground activity:

Swedish battalion: At 0115, 1/ 0207 and 0222 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces; between 0410 and 0452 small-arms fire by Egyptian forces, all in an area 3 to 10 kilometres south to south-west of Ismailia. Between 0224 and 0335 sporadic small-arms fire by Egyptian forces in an area 10 kilometres south-west of Ismailia. At 0553 machine-gun fire and at 0558 small-arms fire, which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces in an area 8 kilometres north-east to south-east of Kantara. Between 0850 and 0910 sporadic machine-gun fire by unidentified forces in an area 7 kilometres north-east of Kantara. At 0915 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by Israel forces in an area 3 kilometres south-west of Ismailia.

2. Reports on air activity:

Finnish battalion: At 0755 one Israel forces jet aircraft overflew Suez city west to east at medium altitude.

3. Complaints by the parties:

(a) Complaints have been received from Egypt alleging that on 1 December:

- (i) At 0615 two Israel forces vehicles on roadway in area of Abu Suweir opened fire against Egyptian forces.
- (ii) Between 0700 and 0736 Israel forces aircraft violated Egyptian air space in area south of Ismailia.

The above complaints were not confirmed by United Nations observation.

1/ All times GMT.

2/ AMR - approximate map reference.

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

- (i) At 1030, 1545 and 2245 on 30 November Egyptian forces opened fire in area of Kilometre 144 on Suez Canal.
- (ii) At 1135 Egyptian forces opened fire south of Lake Timsah.
- (iii) At 1200 Egyptian forces opened fire south of Ismailia.
- (iv) At 1238 Egyptian forces opened artillery fire in area of former OP Orange (AMR 7605-8415). 2/
- (v) At 1500 Egyptian forces opened fire in area of Kilometre 142.7 on Suez Canal.
- (vi) At 1925 Egyptian forces moved forward at Kilometre 152 on Suez Canal.
- (vii) At 2300 Egyptian forces opened fire north-east of Ismailia.
- (viii) At 2300 Egyptian forces opened fire near former OP Orange.
- (ix) At 2349 Egyptian forces moved forward in area of former OP Orange.
- (x) At 0135 and 0440 on 1 December Egyptian forces opened fire near Kilometre 142 on Suez Canal.
- (xi) At 0640 Egyptian forces opened fire south-east of Abu Suweir (AMR 7220-8730).
- (xii) At 0700 and 0710 Egyptian forces opened fire 15 kilometres south-west of Fayid (AMR 7410-8450).
- (xiii) At 0725 and 0740 Egyptian forces opened fire 12 kilometres south-west of Fayid.
- (xiv) At 1430 Egyptian forces moved forward east of Small Bitter Lake.

Only complaint (iii) above confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.97, para. 1).

4. Firing on or close to United Nations personnel and installations:

Swedish contingent: Between 0224 and 0335 fifteen rounds of small-arms fire by Egyptian forces over United Nations position 10 kilometres south-west of Ismailia (see paragraph 1 above).