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The following information has been received from the Acting Chief of Staff of UNTSO with regard to the situation in the Israel-Syria sector on 11 December 1973:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Seven: 1/ Between 0521 2/ and 0527 machine-gun fire by Israel forces.

(b) Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040): 3/ Between 0859 and 0914 mortar fire by Syrian forces (confirmed by Patrol 41). Between 1043 and 1108 tank fire by Syrian forces (confirmed by Patrols 32 and 41). Between 1100 and 1103 and at 1236 rocket fire by Syrian forces (confirmed by Patrol 32). Between 1231 and 1233 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(c) Patrol 41 (AMR 2367-3026): Between 1058 and 1106 tank fire by Israel forces.

(d) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054): At 1206, and ceasing immediately, machine-gun fire by Syrian forces.

2. Complaints by the parties:

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

(i) On 9 December at 1335 Syrian forces moved forward north-west of Mazraat Beit Jinn (AMR 2350-3010).

(ii) On 10 December at 0900 Syrian forces moved forward north of Mazraat Beit Jinn.

1/ The locations of the observation posts are given in document S/11057.

2/ All times GMT.

3/ AMR - approximate map reference.

- (iii) At 0905 Syrian forces opened artillery fire north of Mazraat Beit Jinn.
- (iv) At 1040 Syrian forces opened artillery fire north-east of former OP Winter.

Complaint (iii) was confirmed as mortar fire by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.128, para. 1 (c)). Complaints (i), (ii) and (iv) were not confirmed by United Nations observation.

(b) A complaint has been received from Syria alleging that on 11 December at 0910 several Israel forces bulldozers with excavators advanced to AMR 2358-3028 and in the areas of Patrol 42 and started digging new positions.

Complaint was not confirmed by United Nations observation. However, Patrol 41 observed bulldozer activity in area AMR 2364-3032.