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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-Lebanon sector on 24 December 1973:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Mar: 1/ Between 0526 2/ and 1455 Israel forces personnel reoccupied position at AMR 2004-2904 3/ west of border pillar 33.

(b) OP Ras: Between 0530 and 1515 Israel forces personnel, armoured personnel carrier and vehicles and trailer reoccupied position at AMR 1907-2749 north of border pillar 19.

(c) OP Hin: Between 0548 and 1422 Israel forces personnel reoccupied position at AMR 1799-2788 near border pillar 11.

(d) OP Khiam: Between 0758 and 0803 and between 0820 and 0825 artillery fire by Israel forces.

2. Report on air activity:

OP Khiam: Between 0813 and 0815 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south to north, turning west, then south-west, crossed armistice demarcation line south-east of OP, and last observed south-west of OP.

3. Complaints have been received from Lebanon alleging that:

(a) On 22 and 23 December an Israel patrol consisting of two armoured personnel carriers penetrated Lebanese territory in the region of Chebaa (AMR 2200-3055) and after firing some automatic-weapon bursts occupied position at AMR 2211-3045 throughout the day.

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

2/ All times GMT.

3/ AMR -- approximate map reference.

(b) During the night of 22/23 December several mortar and artillery rounds from Israel territory fell in the Lebanese regions of El Kochm (AMR 1685-2794), Jijim (AMR 1684-2807), Chamaa (AMR 1700-2822), Chihine (AMR 1744-2811), Deir Miness (AMR 2010-3006), Abou Qamah (AMR 2120-3095) and El Khraibe (AMR 2104-3048). Material damage was reported.

(c) On 23 December between 0745 and 0750 and on 24 December between 0815 and 0820 two Israel forces jet aircraft overflew the Lebanese regions of El Khiam (AMR 2075-3035), Nabatiye (AMR 1958-3090) and Bent Jbail (AMR 1908-2805).

(d) On 23 December between 1700 and 1740 several artillery rounds from Israel territory fell on the Lebanese regions of Salhani (AMR 1787-2815), Tibnine (AMR 1886-2887), Touline (AMR 1918-2950) and Oabrikha (AMR 1939-2942).

(e) On 24 December between 0800 and 0835 several artillery rounds from Israel territory fell on the Lebanese regions of Mrah Biri (AMR 2183-3086) and El Khraibe.

Complaint (b) was confirmed by United Nations observation for that portion within observation range of OPs Lab and Khiam (see S/11057/Add.165, paragraphs 1 (d) and (e)). Complaint (c) was confirmed by United Nations observation for that portion within observation range of OP Khiam (see S/11057/Add.168, paragraph 2, and paragraph 2 above). Complaint (e) was confirmed by United Nations observation (see paragraph 1 (d) above). Complaints (a) and (d) were not confirmed by United Nations observation.
