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

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 27 December 1973:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Khiam: 1/ Between 0440 2/ and 0445, between 0505 and 0507, and between 0627 and 0628 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0634 and 0648 and between 0728 and 0734 machine-gun fire by Israel forces. Between 1040 and 1045 machine-gun fire by unidentified forces east-south-east of OP.

(b) OP Mar: Between 0453 and 1500 Israel forces personnel and vehicles reoccupied position at AMR 2004-2904 3/ west of border pillar 33 and started construction of a wooden hut.

(c) OP Ras: Between 0500 and 1440 Israel forces personnel reoccupied position at AMR 1907-2749 north of border pillar 19.

(d) OP Hin: Between 0607 and 1445 Israel forces personnel reoccupied position at AMR 1799-2788 near border pillar 11.

2. Reports on air activity:

OP Khiam: Between 0754 and 0756 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-east to north-west, turning west, then south-west, crossed into Lebanon east-south-east of OP and recrossed armistice demarcation line south-south-west of OP Ras (confirmed by OP Lab).

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

2/ All times GMT.

3/ AMR - approximate map reference.

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Lebanon alleging that:

On 26 December:

(a) Between 1125 and 1205 several rounds of artillery fire from Israel territory fell in the region of Deir Siriane (AMR 1975-2995). Casualties and material damage were reported.

(b) One Israel forces 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.

On 27 December:

(c) Between 0755 and 0800 two Israel forces jet aircraft overflew the Lebanese regions of Marjayoun (AMR 2056-3074), Nabatiye (AMR 1958-3090) and Ben Jbail (AMR 1908-2805).

Complaint (c) was confirmed by United Nations observation (see paragraph 2 above). Complaint (a) was confirmed by United Nations observation for that portion within observation range of OP Khiam, although there is a discrepancy in time (see S/11057/Add.177, para. 1 (d)). Complaint (b) was not confirmed by United Nations observation.
