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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 1 January 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Hin: 1/ Between 0010 2/ and 0013 mortar fire by Israel forces across armistice demarcation line. Between 0618 and 1455 Israel forces personnel and vehicle reoccupied position at AMR 1799-2788 3/ near border pillar 11.

(b) OP Ras: Between 0010 and 0020 mortar fire by Israel forces across armistice demarcation line. Between 0018 and 0025 artillery fire by Israel forces across armistice demarcation line. Between 0449 and 1449 Israel forces personnel and vehicle reoccupied position at AMR 1907-2749 north of border pillar 19.

(c) OP Mar: At 0150 rocket fire, which ceased immediately, by unidentified forces west-south-west of OP. Between 0151 and 0152 machine-gun fire by Israel forces across armistice demarcation line. Between 0211 and 0231 mortar fire by Israel forces across armistice demarcation line. Between 0430 and 1630 Israel forces personnel and vehicles reoccupied position at AMR 2004-2904 west of border pillar 33. Between 1401 and 1505 artillery fire by Israel forces across armistice demarcation line.

(d) OP Lab: Between 1012 and 1025 mortar fire by Israel forces across armistice demarcation line.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) OP Khiam: Between 0632 and 0633 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying east to west, then turning south, crossed into Lebanon east of OP and

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

2/ All times GMT.

3/ AMR - approximate map reference.

recrossed into Israel-occupied territory south-east of OP. Between 0847 and 0853 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south to north, turning west, then south-east, crossed into Lebanon east of OP and were last observed south-west of OP (confirmed by OP Mar). Between 0853 and 0854 one Israel forces jet aircraft, flying north to south, was first observed over OP and last observed south-south-west of OP.

(b) OP Hin: Between 0850 and 0851 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying north-north-east to south-south-west, were first observed north-north-east of OP and then recrossed armistice demarcation line south-south-west of OP (confirmed by OP Lab).

