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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-Syria sector on 2 January 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937): 1/ Between 0753 2/ and 0758 machine-gun fire by unidentified forces south of patrol location. Between 1105 and 1130 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(b) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678): Between 1140 and 1200 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1155 and 1200 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054): Between 1100 and 1101 one Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-west to north-east, then turning north-north-west, was first observed south-south-west of patrol location and last observed north-north-west of patrol location.

3. Complaints by the parties:

A complaint has been received from Israel alleging that on 1 January:

(i) at 1520 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Rafid (AMR 2345-2625) area;

and on 2 January:

(ii) at 0800 Syrian forces moved forward south of Tell-Es-Seqi (AMR 2280-2520);

(iii) at 1125 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire in Rafid area.

Complaint (i) was confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.193, para. 1 (c)). Complaints (ii) and (iii) were not confirmed by United Nations observation.

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All tir

