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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 regarding the situation in the Israel-Lebanon sector on 26 February 1974.

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Ras: 1/ Between 0500 2/ and 1210 Israel forces personnel and vehicle reoccupied position at AMR 1907-2749 3/ north of border pillar 19.

(b) OP Mar: Between 0518 and 1530 Israel forces personnel and vehicle reoccupied position at AMR 2004-2904 west of border pillar 33. Between 2030 and 2050 and between 2138 and 2150 artillery fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line.

(c) OP Hin: Between 0440 and 1530 Israel forces personnel, armoured personnel carrier and vehicle reoccupied position at AMR 1799-2788 near border pillar 11.

2. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Lebanon alleging that:

(a) On 25 February at 1000 one armoured personnel carrier and a civilian car arrived at the armistice demarcation line west of Blida (AMR 1985-2877) near border pillar 30. Three persons disembarked and penetrated Lebanese territory to a distance of about 200 metres. At 1045 they withdrew to Israel territory.

(b) On 26 February between 0420 and 0440 artillery fire coming from Israel territory fell on Wadi El Khansa (AMR 2130-3003) and in the vicinity of Halta (AMR 2128-3020). Material damage was reported.

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

2/ All times GMT.

3/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(c) On the same day between 2020 and 2150 artillery fire coming from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Talloussa (AMR 1955-2934), Majdel Selm (AMR 1938-2918), Qabrikha (AMR 1939-2942) and Aamra (AMR 2062-2974). Material damage was reported.

Complaint (c) was confirmed by United Nations observation for that portion within observation range of OP Mar, except for damage and for fire on Aamra (see paragraph 1 (b) above). Complaints (a) and (b) were not confirmed by United Nations observation.

