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Letter dated 13 December 1973 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government and further to my letter addressed to you on 6 December (A/9406-S/11147) regarding Egyptian violations of the cease-fire, I have the honour to draw your attention to additional Egyptian violations which took place between 6 and 11 December 1973 inclusive.

An annex enumerating these violations is attached.

As can be seen, Egypt is continuing in its massive, deliberate and premeditated violations of the cease-fire, which cause a large number of serious incidents in widespread sectors of the cease-fire lines. These incidents include attempts to cross the cease-fire lines, as well as the crossing of the cease-fire lines accompanied by opening of fire, attempts to advance its positions so as to change the location of the lines, sniping and opening of fire on Israeli forces with light arms, mortars, guns, anti-tank weapons and missiles.

Thus there exists an obvious Egyptian policy of carrying out attacks against Israeli forces and trying to effect changes in the cease-fire lines.

The Egyptian press confirms the existence of such a policy. For example, Al-Ahram, of 11 December 1973, alleged that Egyptian forces had succeeded in advancing their positions and moving the cease-fire lines to within 10 kilometres south-west of Ismailiya. The Voice of Palestine, broadcasting from Egypt on 11 December 1973, added that the Egyptians had set up positions in this new area and had opened fire from there with long-range guns on the "Zionist forces", and made additional similar claims in respect of other sectors.

In fact, Egypt has not succeeded in its design, and this was made clear by the spokesman of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF), but Egyptian claims in this behalf confirm that Egypt is deliberately acting in violation of the cease-fire.

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It should be noted that the official reports to the Security Council by UNEF and by the United Nations observers, as well as the statements by the UNEF spokesman on the "Status of the cease-fire", also indicate an increase in the Egyptian attacks and in their attempts to advance their positions. These reports and statements even show that the Egyptian attacks from time to time endanger the United Nations forces.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Egyptian cease-fire violations between
6 and 11 December 1973 inclusive

6 December 1973

At 1950 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line and opened fire on Israeli forces east of Lake Timsah.

At 2300 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line and opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of the Great Bitter Lake close to ex-OP Orange.

At 1930 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces at a point 15 kilometres west of Faid.

At 2150 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces close to the town of Suez.

At 2350 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces east of Kantara.

At 2400 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of ex-OP Orange.

7 December 1973

At 1020 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line east of Port Tawfik.

At 1800 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line south of Port Tawfik.

At 0340 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces north-east of Kantara.

At 0825 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south of Abu Suweir.

At 1000 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces east of Ismailiya.

At 1050 hours local time and again at 1600 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces close to Nafisha.

At 1600 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of Nafisha.

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8 December 1973

At 1800 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line and opened fire on Israeli forces close to Ayun Musa.

At 1000 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line east of the Little Bitter Lake.

At 1530 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line west of Adabiya.

At 1650 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line east of Suez.

At 2055 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line south-east of Port Fuad.

At 1045 hours local time and again at 2345 hours local time, an Egyptian boat attempted to cross the cease-fire line at the Gulf of Suez.

At 1345 hours local time, Egyptian boats attempted to cross the cease-fire line west of Suez.

At 1655 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened artillery fire on Israeli forces south of Nafisha.

At 0945 hours local time and again at 1545 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces east of El-Balakh.

At 1020 hours local time and again at 1300 and 1315 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of Nafisha.

Between 1122 hours local time and 1210 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of Nafisha.

At 1050 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces at a point 20 kilometres west of Faïd.

At 1440 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south-east of Kantara.

At 1525 hours local time and again at 1650 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south of Nafisha.

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9 December 1973

At 1800 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line and opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of Ayun Musa.

At 0330 hours local time and again at 0345 and 1235 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line in the area of Ayun Musa.

At 1425 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line east of the Little Bitter Lake.

At 0250 hours local time, an Egyptian helicopter crossed the cease-fire line in the area of Suez.

At 0115 hours local time and again at 0257 and 0310 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of ex-OP Orange.

At 0715 hours local time and again at 0820 and 1100 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south of Abu Suweir.

At 1100 hours local time and again at 1610 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces north-east of Ismailiya.

At 1310 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south-west of Ismailiya.

At 1330 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces east of Jabal Um Katib.

At 1518 hours local time and again at 1600 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of Adabiya.

Between 1300 hours local time and 1430 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south-west of Faid.

At 1620 hours local time and again at 2230 and 2325 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces east of El-Balakh.

At 1950 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of kilometre 142 of the Suez Canal.

At 2015 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of kilometre 137 of the Suez Canal.

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At 2320 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of kilometre 144 of the Suez Canal.

At 1025 hours local time, Egyptian snipers opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of kilometre 142 of the Suez Canal.

10 December 1973

At 0045 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line and opened fire on Israeli forces south-east of Port Fuad.

At 1500 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line and opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of ex-OP Orange.

At 1200 hours local time, Egyptian forces crossed the cease-fire line and took up positions at MR (UTM) 444-306.

At 1445 hours local time, Egyptian forces crossed the cease-fire line and took up positions at MR (UTM) 4330-3235.

At 1320 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line at the town of Suez.

At 1422 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line in the area of Gebel Ataka.

At 1800 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line in the area of Ayun Musa.

At 1115 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on a United Nations team at MR a/ (UTM) 46-3348.

At 0950 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire, including artillery fire, on Israeli forces south of Nafisha.

At 1515 hours local time and again at 1525 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire, including mortar fire, on Israeli forces at MR (UTM) 4488-3028 south of Adabiya.

At 0120 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces east of El-Balakh.

At 0415 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces at a point 12 kilometres south-west of Faïd.

a/ MR = map reference.

At 0540 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces at kilometre 143.5 of the Suez Canal.

At 0830 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces at a point 15 kilometres south-west of Faid.

At 0900 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south-east of Nafisha.

At 0905 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south-east of Abu-Suweir.

At 1000 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south of Abu-Suweir.

At 1155 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces east of Ismailiya.

At 1245 hours local time and again at 1715 and 2105 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of ex-OP Orange.

At 1300 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south-east of Ismailiya.

At 1810 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of Ayun Musa.

At 2015 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces east of Ismailiya.

At 1555 hours local time, Egyptian snipers opened fire on Israeli forces at a point 12 kilometres south-west of Faid.

At 1715 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of kilometre 142 of the Suez Canal.

11 December 1973

At 0040 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line and opened fire on Israeli forces south of the Little Bitter Lake.

At 0710 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line south-east of the Little Bitter Lake.

At 0740 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line in the area of ex-OP Orange.

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At 1130 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line east of El-Balakh.

At 1530 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line south of the Little Bitter Lake.

At 1845 hours local time, Egyptian forces attempted to cross the cease-fire line east of the Little Bitter Lake.

At 1650 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on a United Nations team at MR (UTM) 4159-3627.

At 0020 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire, including mortar fire, on Israeli forces east of El-Balakh.

At 1240 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire, including anti-tank fire, on Israeli forces south-east of Nafisha.

At 1845 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire, including anti-tank fire, on Israeli forces, at a point 15 kilometres south-west of Faïd.

At 0150 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened artillery fire on Israeli forces east of El-Balakh.

At 1655 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened artillery fire on Israeli forces in the area of Gebel Ataka-Adabiya.

At 0140 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces east of El-Balakh.

At 0715 hours local time and again at 0755 and 1330 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south of Abu-Suweir.

At 0800 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces at MR (UTM) 4165-3785 and MR (UTM) 4145-3751.

At 1000 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces north of the town of Suez.

At 1105 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of Nafisha.

At 1130 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south-east of El-Balakh.

At 1230 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south of Nafisha.

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At 1605 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces south-east of El-Balakh.

At 1750 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of ex-OP Orange.

At 1750 hours local time, Egyptian forces opened fire on Israeli forces in the area of Ayun Musa.

At 1500 hours local time, Egyptian snipers opened fire on Israeli forces at a point 10 kilometres south-west of Faid.

At 1200 hours local time, Egyptian snipers opened fire on Israeli forces at a point 3 kilometres north of kilometre 101 of the Suez-Cairo road.
