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Letter dated 19 December 1973 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government and further to the letter of the Permanent Representative of Israel addressed to you on 13 December 1973 (A/9453-S/11147) regarding Egyptian violations of the cease-fire, I have the honour to draw your attention to additional Egyptian violations which took place along the cease-fire lines between 12 and 18 December 1973 inclusive, and which show a continuous increase in the cease-fire violations committed by Egyptian forces.

These violations during the aforesaid period included 23 attempts to cross the cease-fire lines and the moving forward of positions; 13 such attempts accompanied by the opening of fire; two crossings of the cease-fire lines by helicopters; 70 cases of small-arms fire; four cases of mortar shelling; three cases of firing anti-tank missiles; 13 cases of artillery fire; one case of ground-to-air missiles launching; three cases of firing by snipers; one case of firing on an Israeli aircraft.

Detailed complaints in respect of all these violations have been lodged with the United Nations Observers headquarters.

These large-scale and continuing Egyptian violations and attacks prove once again the existence of a premeditated and planned Egyptian policy in this respect. I would point out in this connexion, that the Egyptian government-controlled press publishes from time to time notices for the special recruiting of snipers for attacks on Israeli forces.

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As in the past, the official reports of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Observers headquarters indicate a proliferation of Egyptian violations and attacks. These attacks included firing on United Nations forces or in their close proximity, and this fact is also reflected in the aforesaid official reports of the United Nations.

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

(Signed) Jacob DORON
Acting Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations
