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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE INSPECTIONS  
OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE AND DEFENSIVE AREAS ON  
19 OCTOBER 1966

1. In accordance with the request made by the President of the Security Council at its 1309th meeting on 20 October 1966, the Secretary-General circulated on 22 October 1966 a report submitted to him by Lieutenant General Odd Bull, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO), concerning the inspections of the Demilitarized Zone and defensive areas carried out on 19 October 1966 (S/7561, pages 2 to 4).
2. Subsequently, the Secretary-General has been informed by General Bull that a review of the detailed reports made by the inspecting United Nations Military Observers indicate "minor discrepancies" in the report originally submitted by him to the Secretary-General. Accordingly, the attached revised report takes the place of the one circulated in S/7561.

REPORT BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
TRUCE SUPERVISION ORGANIZATION IN PALESTINE TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING THE INSPECTIONS OF THE  
DEMILITARIZED ZONE AND DEFENSIVE AREAS ISRAEL/SYRIA  
CARRIED OUT ON 19 OCTOBER 1966

1. I have the honour to report on the inspections of the Demilitarized Zone and defensive areas carried out on 19 October 1966. These inspections took place after both parties had agreed to the proposal for "simultaneous inspections by United Nations Military Observers of the Demilitarized Zone and the defensive areas on both sides to ascertain whether the accusations of a build-up of forces and equipment were founded, and, if they were founded, to what extent".
2. On 17 October 1966, following my discussions with the Syrian Chief of Staff and the Israel Director of Armistice Affairs, the chairman of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission (ISMAC), on my instructions, forwarded a letter to the delegates of both parties advising them that the proposed inspection would be conducted on Wednesday, 19 October 1966. In the same letter he informed them of the procedure to be followed during the inspections and requested their full co-operation.
3. Fourteen field teams, seven for the Israel side and seven for the Syrian side, were organized to conduct the inspections. Each team, composed of at least two United Nations Military Observers and a party liaison officer, was thoroughly briefed and assigned the task of inspecting specific areas in the Demilitarized Zone and/or the defensive areas. The teams were under the immediate operational control of the Tiberias control centre. UNTSO observation posts were instructed to keep under continuous observation all inspection teams operating in their areas of vision and, if necessary, to act as radio relay stations.
4. On 19 October 1966, at 0530 hours GMT, the inspection teams commenced, simultaneously, inspections of the Demilitarized Zone; this phase was completed at 1055 hours GMT. Inspection of the defensive areas commenced immediately thereafter and was completed at 1520 hours GMT on 19 October 1966.
5. The parties' liaison officers who accompanied the inspecting United Nations Military Observers were most helpful and co-operative. No difficulties or restrictions were experienced in respect to freedom of movement of the teams.

6. The inspection teams operating on the Israel side observed the following:
- a. In the Demilitarized Zone:
    - (1) Personnel - nineteen military; eleven paramilitary.
    - (2) Weapons - one M42 calibre .52 (7.62 mm); five M16 calibre 7.62 mm; ten SMG; fifteen rifles; one pistol; 424 hand grenades; thirty-seven cases of 7.62 mm ammunition.
  - b. In the defensive area:
    - (1) Personnel - 149 military.
    - (2) Weapons - five M42 calibre .50 (12.7 mm); three M42, one calibre .30 (7.62 mm) and two calibre 7.92 mm; six M16 calibre 7.62 mm; forty-four SMG; sixty-five rifles; two 51 mm mortars; one 81 mm mortar; two 83 mm rocket launchers; twelve hand grenades; one fenced and marked minefield.
    - (3) Vehicles - one half-track APC; two 3/4-ton trucks; thirteen 1/4-ton trucks.
7. From the above, it can be noted, violations of the General Armistice Agreement by Israel include the military and paramilitary personnel and weapons seen in the Demilitarized Zone and the five M42 calibre .50 (12.7 mm), two 83 mm rocket launchers and one half-track APC seen in the defensive area.
8. The inspecting teams operating on the Syrian side observed the following:
- a. In the Demilitarized Zone:
    - (1) Personnel - forty-two military.
    - (2) Weapons - three M16 calibre 7.62 mm; three SMG; twenty-two rifles; one twin-barrelled M42 calibre 14.5 mm; two cases of 7.62 mm ammunition; one minefield.
  - b. In the defensive area:
    - (1) Personnel - 375 military.
    - (2) Weapons - fifteen tanks (two unserviceable); one 106 mm recoilless gun; two 40 mm anti-tank; one 57 mm anti-tank; seven 37 mm A/A; four 81 mm mortars; three 60 mm mortars; one 3.5 inch rocket launcher; twelve M16 calibre 7.62 mm; forty-seven SMG; three M42 calibre 7.62 mm; sixty-six rifles; two twin-barrelled M42 calibre 14.5 mm; five A/A M42 calibre 12.7 mm; twenty-five mines antitank; five searchlights.
    - (3) Vehicles - two 3-ton trucks; one 1-ton truck; seven 1/4-ton trucks.

9. From the above, it can be noted that violations of the General Armistice Agreement by Syria include the military personnel and weapons seen in the Demilitarized Zone and the fifteen tanks, one 106 mm recoilless gun, seven 37 mm A/A, two twin-barrelled HMG calibre 14.5 mm, five A/A HMG calibre 12.7 mm, one 3.5 inch rocket launcher and five searchlights seen in the defensive area.
10. In addition to the personnel, weapons and vehicles observed by the inspecting teams, an increase (over that observed in the June 1966 visits)<sup>1/</sup> was noted in the number of tank positions and defensive fortification complexes in the defensive area on the Syrian side.
11. There was no build-up of forces or equipment observed either in the Demilitarized Zone or the defensive areas on either side.
12. I consider the inspections were well and conscientiously performed and that all personnel involved carried out their tasks efficiently.

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<sup>1/</sup> See S/7434.