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LETTER DATED 18 APRIL 1955 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF EGYPT  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the report which was submitted by the Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization to the Secretary-General on 14 April 1955 (S/3390), I have the honour to send you herewith, for your information, a copy of the letter sent to the Chief of Staff by the Acting Director of the Department of Palestine Affairs on 16 April 1955.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated to the members of the Security Council.

Please accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Omar Loutfi  
Representative of Egypt  
to the Security Council

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Ministry of War  
Department of Palestine Affairs

Cairo,  
16 April 1955

Dear General Burns:

With reference to the meeting which was held between you and Major General Ahmed Salem on 13 April 1955 at Gaza, I have the honour to convey the following views and requests:

1. The Egyptian Military Authorities agree to set up joint patrols along the Demarcation Line as proposed by you. Moreover, in conformity with your desire, I request that the institution of these joint patrols be put into effect immediately to avoid any further incidents.
2. With a view to maintain stability and eliminate any cause of friction I would suggest that paragraph 2 of Article IV and paragraph 3 of Article VI be fully implemented.
3. Upon your proposal General Salem informed you that the Egyptian Military Authorities were prepared to consider ways and means of erecting a barbed wire fence along certain positions of the Demarcation Line. I wish to inform you, in this connection, that the Egyptian Military Authorities will begin very soon to construct barbed wire fence along certain positions they consider essential within Egyptian Controlled Territory.
4. I wish to thank you for putting into effect the repeated Egyptian requests regarding posting additional United Nations Observers in positions on the Egyptian side of the Demarcation Line where they will be better able to determine which side is guilty of firing first or crossing the Demarcation Line.
5. Upon his arrival Colonel Salah Gohar will be ready to discuss with you the arrangements for the purpose of preventing incidents in the Gaza area. Please accept etc.

(Signed by) Acting Director  
Department of Palestine Affairs  
Ministry of War

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