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E. L. M. Burns (Commander UNEF)

— to Brigadier-General Amin Hilmy II  
(Gaza)

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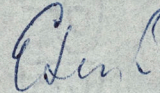
Dear Brigadier Hilmy,

Following several conversations with you regarding the construction of the road from Abu Aweigila towards El Auja, which has now reached a point some distance to the east of point 267 (086 034), I conveyed to you the Secretary-General's request that the Egyptian authorities should suspend work on this construction until he had an opportunity to carry out his talks at Cairo and elsewhere in the Middle East. One purpose of these talks is to clear up the difficult situation which exists on the A.D.L. between Israel and the Syrian region of the UAR. The Secretary-General felt that the continuation of the road-building, protected by Egyptian frontier police, might provoke an incident which would have very adverse results on the negotiations with which he has been charged by the Security Council.

I regret that the Egyptian military authorities to whom you referred this request have not seen fit to comply and that the work is continuing towards the International Frontier, with the possibility of an incident occurring.

I would ask you to bring the contents of this letter to the attention of Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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