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INCOMING CABLE

TO: CORDIER FOR BENNIKE  
FROM: MCANINCH, JERUSALEM  
DATE: 7 NOVEMBER 1953  
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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER RECEIVED SIX NOVEMBER FROM SHALEV "DEAR COLONEL MCANINCH, ON NOVEMBER 2 1953, THE HJK DELEGATION TO THE MAC SUBMITTED COMPLAINT NUMBER 045, ALLEGING THE BLOWING UP OF THE WATER PIPE NEAR ANATA BY ISRAELIS WHOSE TRACKS LED TO THE ISRAEL SECTOR ON MOUNT SCOPUS, AND DEMANDING AN IMMEDIATE UN INVESTIGATION IN HJK TERRITORY OF THIS COMPLAINT. PARA. THE ISRAELI DELEGATION AGREED TO THE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED, AND IT WAS CARRIED OUT LATER THE SAME DAY. PARA. THE UN OBSERVER WHO CARRIED OUT THE INVESTIGATION, COMMANDANT RINGLET, ENTERED THE ISRAEL SECTOR ON MOUNT SCOPUS WITH AT LEAST THREE JORDANIAN OFFICERS, AND THEY ALL PENETRATED DEEP, TO WITHIN A SHORT DISTANCE OF THE FENCE, AND EVEN EVINCED AN INTENTION OF PROCEEDING STILL DEEPER. PARA. PENETRATIONS BY JORDANIAN SECURITY FORCES INTO ISRAEL TERRITORY ARE THE MOST FLAGRANT AND SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND CONSTITUTE THE MOST PROVOCATIVE AND INTOLERABLE BEHAVIOUR. PARA. THAT SUCH A PENETRATION SHOULD OCCUR WITH THE COOPERATION AND ON THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY OF A UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MAKES IT EVEN MORE SERIOUS. PARA. YOUR VIGILANT ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THIS AFFAIR, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REQUESTED. YOURS SINCERELY ARYEH SHALEV, SGAN ALOOF GENERAL STAFF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ISRAEL'S DELEGATIONS TO THE MACS". VERBAL COMPLAINT REGARDING WATER LINE WAS RECEIVED AT APPROXIMATELY 0645 ZEBRA 2 NOVEMBER. ISRAELI DELEGATION WAS INFORMED IMMEDIATELY AND IT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT UNTIL ABOUT 1100 ZEBRA THAT PERMISSION WAS GIVEN FOR THE INVESTIGATION.

NO REPEAT NO LIMITATIONS WERE PLACED ON THE INVESTIGATION BY ISRAEL. PERSONAL BELIEF IS THAT INASMUCH AS PARTIES HAVE NEVER AGREED ON EXACT LIMITATIONS OF SCOPUS AND SINCE THE AGREEMENT OF SEVEN JULY 48 DOES NOT GIVE EITHER PARTY SOVEREIGN RIGHT BUT ONLY SPECIFIES THE "JEWISH SECTION" AND "THE ARAB AREA". IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO STATE THAT THE INVESTIGATION TEAM DID OR DID NOT ENTER THE DZ WITHOUT HAVING EITHER PARTY QUESTION THE DECISION. FURTHERMORE THE CHIEF OF STAFF IS CHARGED WITH THE SECURITY OF THE MT SCOPUS DZ AND CERTAINLY THE INVESTIGATION OF AN ALLEGED DESTRUCTION OF A WATER LINE BY INDIVIDUALS COMING FROM THE JEWISH SECTION WARRANTS BRINGING AN INSPECTION TEAM INTO THE GENERAL DZ AREA SINCE THEY WERE PROPERLY PROTECTED BY THE PRESENCE OF UN OBSERVERS.

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PART TWO. WORK REMAINS STOPPED ON CANAL BUT POWER SHOVEL AND TRUCKS REMOVING DEBRIS REOUR 132. S.S.D. COMPLAINS OF THIS AND REQUESTED CHIEF OF STAFF BE INFORMED OF COMPLAINT. FURTHER SAME DISPATCH RE AIRCRAFT FIRED ON OVER GAZA OWNERSHIP STILL MYSTERY. IN VIEW OF WITNESS WHO CLAIMS HE SAW ENTIRE AFFAIR FROM GAZA AIRPORT IT APPEARS THAT FIVE REPEAT FIVE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT ALLEGEDLY ISRAELI WERE FLYING FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHEAST OVER GAZA STRIP. FLYING IN SAME DIRECTION AND SOMEWHAT FURTHER OUT TO SEA WAS FOUR ENGINED AIRCRAFT. SUDDENLY TWO FIGHTERS PEELED OFF AND MADE FIRING PASS AT FOUR ENGINED AIRCRAFT. FIGHTERS RETURNED TO FORMATION AND LARGER AIRCRAFT CONTINUED ON ITS WAY APPARENTLY SUFFERING NO INJURY. POSSIBLE EXPLANATION IS THAT FOUR ENGINED AIRCRAFT WAS ISRAELI B-17 BOMBER WHICH ISRAEL HAS AND FIGHTERS MADE FIRING PASS IN PLAYFULL MOOD DELIBERATELY MISSING FOUR ENGINED AIRCRAFT BUT WHICH MIGHT LOOK LIKE THEY HIT IT FROM GROUND. JERUSALEM POST COMPLETELY IGNORES SUBJECT. NEW SUBJECT. PARTIES AGREED TO TAKE UP MATTER OF RENEWAL OF LOCAL COMMANDERS AGREEMENT AT MEETING ON MONDAY TEN NOVEMBER. NEW SUBJECT. REOUR 137. NO REPEAT NO EMERGENCY MEETING ON EITHER COMPLAINT. REGARDING ALLEGED KILLING OF WATCHMAN AT R.R. SIGNAL BOX. UN OBSERVER MADE INVESTIGATION AND REPORTS. (A). MAP REFERENCE CORRECT. (B). TWO MEN IN SIGNAL TOWER. ONE MAN KILLED, THE OTHER NOT WOUNDED AND HAD BEEN ON JOB ABOUT THREE DAYS IS WITNESS WHO STATES THAT THEY WERE ARABS BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN IN PALESTINE TWENTY YEARS AND KNOWS AN ARAB WHEN HE SEES ONE. FURTHER STATES THEY WERE DRESSED IN KHAKI, NO REPEAT NO HEADRESS AND DID NOT REPEAT NOT HEAR THEM SPEAK. UNHURT WATCHMAN WAS ARMED WITH REVOLVER AND

FIRED AT "ARMED JORDANIANS" FROM A DISTANCE OF ABOUT EIGHT FEET AND APPARENTLY DID NOT HIT THEM. ALSO AFTER KILLING THE WATCHMAN THE ALLEGED JORDANIANS RETURNED AND ROBBED THE BODY. LATER THE DEAD MANS IDENTITY PAPERS WERE FOUND IN AN ORANGE GROVE WHERE THE MURDERS HAD STOPPED TO EAT. POLICE CLAIM TWO SETS OF TRACKS CAME FROM DL AND SAME TWO SETS RETURNED. OBSERVER DID NOT REPEAT NOT GO TO DL BECAUSE OF DARKNESS AND IN HIS OPINION TRACKS WHICH HE SAW WERE NOT CLEAR AND EASILY IDENTIFIABLE. IN DEBARRS OPINION NO PROOF THAT THEY WERE "ARMED JORDANIANS". NO REPEAT NO EMERGENCY INVESTIGATION FOR BEIT JEBRIN INCIDENT. SO FAR NO REPORTS OF ANY INCIDENTS LAST NIGHT. NEW SUBJECT. RECEIVED LETTER DATED SIX NOVEMBER FROM SHALEV STATING THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN ISSUED BY HIM PERSONALLY TO INSURE GOMARDS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT ON SCOPUS BUT ALSO REMINDING ME THAT I HAD STATED DURING OUR CONVERSATION (REOUR 125) THAT THE CAPTAIN WOULD NOT CONDUCT SEARCHES. I HAD ASSURED HIM THAT GOMARD WOULD NOT ABUSE HIS AUTHORITY AND I HAD NOT PLANNED ANY INSPECTIONS ON MY OWN RESPONSIBILITY TO BE CARRIED OUT WHILE YOU ARE AWAY.

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ON SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER ISRAELI DELEGATE TO EGYPTIAN MAC REQUESTED AN EMERGENCY MEETING ALLEGING THAT SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 1430 ZEBRA REGULAR EGYPTIAN FORCES IN VICINITY OF NIHALAOZ REPEAT NIHALAOZ SETTLEMENT APPROXIMATE MAP REFERENCE 1025-1002, WOUNDED TWO ISRAELIS AND ABDUCTED ONE OF WOUNDED MEN. IT IS ALSO ALLEGED THAT EGYPTIANS TOOK TWO RIFLES AND ONE STENGUN BELONGING TO ISRAELIS. CHAIRMAN EGYPTIAN MAC HAD BEEN INFORMED OF INCIDENT AT APPROXIMATELY 1630 ZEBRA SATURDAY REPEAT SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER AND ORDERED AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION. IN EGYPTIAN POLICE POST AT APPROXIMATE MR 1012-1008 UNATIONS OBSERVERS SAW DEAD ISRAELI WHO HAD BEEN CARRIED FROM SCENE OF INCIDENT TO POLICE STATION. CHAIRMAN SAW ONLY ONE BULLET ENTRY AND EXIT. BODY NOT UNDRESSED BUT NO EVIDENCE OF ANY OTHER WOUNDS. FURTHER INVESTIGATION SUNDAY DISCLOSES TWO LARGE BLOOD STAINS ON ISRAELI SIDE ABOUT THREE METRES FROM DEMARCATION LINE. NO REPEAT NO EVIDENCE FOUND ON EGYPTIAN SIDE. UNATIONS OBSERVERS ALSO SAW ONE STEN GUN WITH ISRAELI MARKINGS IN EGYPTIANS POSSESSION. ISRAELIS CLAIM PATROLS MET AMICABLY ON DEMARCATION LINE AND EGYPTIANS OPENED FIRE. EGYPTIANS CLAIM ISRAELIS OPENED FIRE. ISRAELIS DRESSED SIMILAR TO KIBBUTZ GUARDS WHILE EGYPTIANS WERE APPARENTLY REGULAR TROOPS. MOST PROBABLE THAT CHAIRMAN WILL HOLD EMERGENCY MEETING AT KILO 95 AT 0800 TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER. DOCTOR SERUP WILL ATTEND. NEW SUBJECT. ISRAELI DELEGATE TO LEBANESE MAC REPEAT LEBANESE MAC ALLEGES AN ATTACK ON A KIBBUTZ IN WHICH ONE MAN WOUNDED DURING NIGHT OF 8 NOVEMBER. ISRAEL HAS ASKED FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION AND EMERGENCY MEETING REQUESTED. NO FURTHER

DETAILS KNOWN AT THIS TIME. NEW SUBJECT. MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JORDAN MAC FOR TODAY 9 NOVEMBER POSTPONED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT UNTIL AFTER 15 NOVEMBER. LOCAL COMMANDERS AGREEMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO PARTIES FOR SIGNATURE WITHIN FEW DAYS. FAMILIES ALL FINE.