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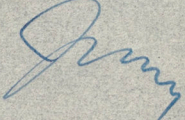
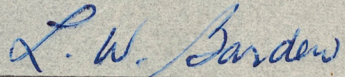
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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONOF ISRAEL COMPLAINT NO. Z.607CARRIED OUT ON 24 APRIL 1956 BY CMDT. RINGLET AND CAPT. BARDEN

At the scene of the incident the UNMO's were shown a command car type vehicle completely burnt out and bearing numerous bullet holes. Scattered around the vehicle were the bodies of the four occupants. One body was completely burned beyond recognition, another was completely burned with the exception of part of the head and the right forearm. The latter also had bullet wounds in the right side of the head. Another body had bullet wounds in the back of the head and was burnt across the back of the shoulders, the nape of the neck and the buttocks. A fourth body bore bullet wounds in the face which completely obliterated the eyes and the mouth. The charred bodies looked to the Observers as if petrol had been poured on them and set aflame. Scattered in the area of the vehicle were personal papers of one of the deceased and tools belonging to the vehicle. The latter had no marks or burns on them (evidence of fire), therefore appearing as if they had been taken from the vehicle prior to it being set afire. None of the weapons ~~of~~ the deceased ~~were~~ alleged to have possessed were found; these included two rifles and two pistols.

About 30 metres west of the road the Observers found an area which looked to them like a place of assembly in that the ground showed considerable signs of having been trampled. Immediately in front of this area were found three distinct places from which fire had been directed at the vehicle. Each of these positions was behind a clump of bushes and at each were found spent cartridge cases of British, French and Czechoslovakian manufacture.

Approximately 300metres northeast of where the vehicle came to rest the Israeli tracker pointed out three distinct sets of footprints coming in from the east, crossing the road in a westerly direction to the above-mentioned assembly area. These footprints were distinct and easy to follow in that one was of a barefooted person, one of a person wearing sandals, and the other of a person shod in boots. The heel of the latter bore nine holes in it which enclosed a triangle. The terrain in this area is of a sandy nature making these tracks very easy to follow. These tracks appeared throughout the area of the incident and around the vehicle, and were later followed to the DL crossing the latter at approximately MR. 1676 9900 where they were handed over to the Jordanian authorities at 1500 hours LT.

  
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