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ISRAELI-SYRIAN
MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION

FROM: ACTING CHAIRMAN ISMAC

TO: SENIOR ISRAELI DELEGATE

SUBJECT: Military Activity in the Central D.Z.

You will find enclosed SSD complaints No. 502, 508, 517, 523, all related to abnormal military activities in or around the central D.Z.

Moreover U.N. Military Observers, when visiting or investigating the central D.Z. discovered the following facts:

1. On 2 September 1953; a reinforcement of armed Israelis wearing green caps was observed in the D.Z; a military truck with two Israeli soldiers wearing the normal uniform of the Israeli Army (kaki beret) was parked on the Mishmar-Rosh-Pina road in the central D.Z.
2. On 3 September 1953: installation of new kibbutz in a strategic position at MR 2078-2667. Although the alleged settlers were unarmed, they were wearing regular Israeli army uniforms, artillery guns camouflaged by nets were seen in the defensive area near Roshpina; installation, on the slopes between Roshpina and Safad, of a field headquarters.
3. On 7, 8, 9, 10 September 1953: armed Israelis were observed around 2089-2677.
4. On 10 September 1953: at 0730z, two twin-engined Israeli planes over flew the defensive area over lake Tiberias; at 1300z, one Israeli piper cub overflew the defensive area above Roshpina; at 1300z, two Israeli fighter planes overflew the DZ above Nishmar Hayarden towards north.
5. On 13 September 1953: at 0930z, heavy mortar was seen in the DZ at MR 2085-2695 and a military observer was threatened when investigation on the spot and told that he must be accompanied by an Israeli officer or an Israeli police officer.

Some of the facts reported above are flagrant violations of the G.A.A.

Besides, they denote clearly an increased and unusual military activity in and around the central sector of the DZ.

Consequently, you are requested to withdraw all military or paramilitary forces actually in the DZ and to insure that UN Observer will be allowed to move freely ~~belonging to Israeli~~ in the DZ even in the fields belonging to Israeli settlements.

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