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TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED VIOLATION BY
ARAB FORCES

FOLLOWING FOR INFORMATION SECURITY COUNCIL:

ON WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER A REGULAR CONVOY PASSING FROM TELAVIV
TO JERUSALEM WAS FIRED ON BY ARABS FROM THE LATRUN PUMPING STATION.
THE UN OBSERVER IN CHARGE OF CONVOY, COL DUMONCEL, COURAGEOUSLY MOVED
ON FOOT TOWARDS THE ASSAILANTS AND ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO STOP
FIRING. OCCUPANTS OF FIRST VEHICLE IN CONVOY, THREE CIVILIANS AND
JEWISH LIAISON OFFICER TAKING COVER IN DITCH, WERE MASSACRED BY ATTACKERS
WHO LOOTED VEHICLE AND THEN MADE OFF. SPECIAL INVESTIGATION TEAM WAS
DISPATCHED TO SPOT IMMEDIATELY AND FULL INQUIRY IS PROCEEDING WITH ALL
POSSIBLE SPEED. REPORT FIXING RESPONSIBILITY TO FULLEST EXTENT
POSSIBLE WILL FOLLOW.

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