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OFFICE OF THE ISRAEL BELEGATION
EGYPT - ISRAEL MAC
MAC/26/1423
Beersheba, February 21, 1954.

From : Senior Israel Delegate
To : Senior Egyptian Delegate

Dear Colonel Gohar,

Once again the existing circumstances force me to draw your attention to the continued crossing of the Demarcation Line and of the International Frontier into Israel by persons coming from Egyptian controlled territory. This continuous infiltration and the thieving carried out by the infiltrators, is constantly increasing and is not only a flagrant violation of the General Armistice Agreement but also causes tremendous damage to our settlements and makes the border situation extremely delicate and precarious.

The Israel property stolen during the month of January 1954, amounts to 30,000 I.L. and includes:-

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| 10 cows | 27 camels |
| 5 heifers | 3 mules |
| 11 sheep | 2 goats |
| chickens and ducks | 3 tons of manure |
| 1813 mtrs. water pipes. | 51 faucets |
| 13 hammers | 67 irrigators |
| 91 links and connection pipes | clothing and silverware |
| olive saplings | 27 windows |
| 11 doors | |

and a lot of other valuable articles. I have mentioned only those cases of theft in which Israeli complaints were lodged.

The above gives us a painfully clear picture of the gravity of a situation which grows steadily worse instead of better.

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I find it imperative to express my astonishment that, despite Egypt's obligation to implement the G.A.A. and all promises made by the Egyptian Delegation to this effect, infiltration continues and increases and furthermore, no stolen property has been returned in the past years.

I feel bound to remind you again of Egypt's obligations under the Genral Armistice Agreement to check infiltration from the territory under its control. We demand once again that immediate steps be taken by you to put an end to this serious situation resulting from large scale infiltration and which is causing the gravest concern to the Israel authorities.

Yours sincerely,

GABY NEUBERGER
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ISRAEL DELEGATE.

copy to chairman EIMAC.