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MEMORANDUM TO WALT W. ROSTOW

Subject: The Security Council Meeting of June 9, Part II

The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. The Secretary General read reports from the Syrian Representative saying Israeli planes were still over-flying Syria, tanks were massing, helicopters were dropping saboteurs, and some villages were still being bombed or fired upon. (The Syrian made no charge of fighting on any scale.) The Syrian confirmed that orders had been given to Syrian forces to cease fire.

The Secretary General read reports from the Israelis confirming that orders had been issued to cease fire and that all fighting had stopped except in self defence.

The UAR Representative charged that Cairo had been bombed for one hour at 8 p.m. local time.

The Israeli Representative charged that Syrian artillery fire against Israeli villages was increasing in violence. He categorically stated that neither Damascus nor Cairo had been bombed. He read AFP, AP and UPI eyewitness despatches from Cairo refuting the UAR charge. He said Israeli forces were NOT advancing toward Damascus and the Israeli operations in Syria were designed to silence the gun positions of the Syrians.

Justice Goldberg emphasized the call on all sides to cease fire, quoted ~~that~~ the President's May 23 statement, and called for effective UN machinery to support the Secretary General. The Jordanian picked up the "territorial integrity" portion of ~~that~~ the May 23 statement and called for action to uphold it.

Fedorenko (who no doubt knew the contents of the attached report from General Bull to Thant) repeated/pressed Thant to make available all information he had on the situation. Thant repeatedly said he had "no further confirmed information" (knowing that Bull's report that the Israelis "are moving toward Damascus" was probably inaccurate).

The upshot was a demand by Fedorenko that Thant report "within half an hour", and a request by Thant for cooperation and freedom of movement for his observers in the area, and the restoration of Government House to General Bull in Jerusalem - so he can once again use his radio. There was general agreement to support this request.

The next meeting is set for 10:30 tomorrow, and the meeting adjourned ~~with~~ with the Syrian charging that "the attack from Massadeh (where Israeli tanks are reportedly massing) has started."

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