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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS THE REPORT JUST RECEIVED FROM THE
AMERICAN CONSUL IN JERUSALEM REGARDING THE SHOOTING OF THOMAS C. WASSON
US CONSUL GENERAL AND US REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TRUCE
COMMISSION:

QUOTE WASSON LEFT ON FOOT FROM CONGEN THIS MORNING ABOUT 12 NOON LOCAL
TO ATTEND MEETING TRUCE COMMISSION, WHICH WAS HELD AS USUAL AT FRENCH CONGEN.
HE LEFT FRENCH CONGEN, STILL ON FOOT, SHORTLY AFTER 1300 HOURS LOCAL. AS
HE CROSSED WAUCHOPE STREET TO ALLEY ALONG WEST SIDE CONGEN, HE WAS HIT BY
SNIPERS BULLET PRESUMED TO HAVE COME FROM DIRECTION JUNCTION JULIAN'S WAY
AND WAUCHOPE STREET. IDENTITY OF SNIPER CAN NOT BE ESTABLISHED. HE WAS
CARRIED BY MEMBERS CONGEN TO FIRST AID ROOM AT CONGEN, WHERE HE WAS
IMMEDIATELY ATTENDED BY PUBLIC HEALTH SURGEON. ARMORED AMBULANCE CAME
WITHIN TEN MINUTES FROM RED SHIELD SOCIETY AND WASSON WAS TAKEN TO HADASSAH
ENGLISH MISSION HOSPITAL, WHERE ACTING DIRECTOR HADASSAH HAS ASSURED US
EVERY FACILITY, INCLUDING PRIVATE ROOM AND NURSE WILL BE PLACED AT HIS
DISPOSAL.

ACCORDING TO DOCTOR'S REPORT, 30 CALIBRE RIFLE BULLET ENTERED RIGHT
UPPER ARM, PASSED THROUGH CHEST, AND EXITED AT LEVEL LEFT SECOND COSTAL
CARTILAGE. WOUND IN RIGHT ARM EXCISED AND EXIT WOUND EXCISED, EXPLORED AND
CLOSED. IS NOW OUT OF SHOCK AND RESTING QUIETLY. CONDITION GOOD, AND
BARRING COMPLICATIONS, HAS MORE THAN EVEN CHANCE RECOVER. UNQUOTE

(SIGNED) AUSTIN

