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UNEF HQ, 1974

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A view of Government House in Jerusalem, the headquarters of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). This scene, taken from the radio antenna towards the northwest, shows the Kidron Valley and the Old City of Jerusalem with the Temple area in the background to the right. Part of the New City of Jerusalem is seen to the left.

Jerusalem, 1968

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In an era where the principles of multilateralism are under threat and the global landscape is rife with uncertainty, the role of historians in illuminating the United Nations' journey becomes indispensable. By delving into its history, we not only acknowledge its contributions and shortcomings but also reinforce the importance of multilateralism as the cornerstone of international cooperation and peace. This dissertation, therefore, is not merely an academic exercise but a reaffirmation of my commitment to contributing to a deeper understanding of the United Nations, believing that such insights are vital for safeguarding the future of global governance and sustainable development.

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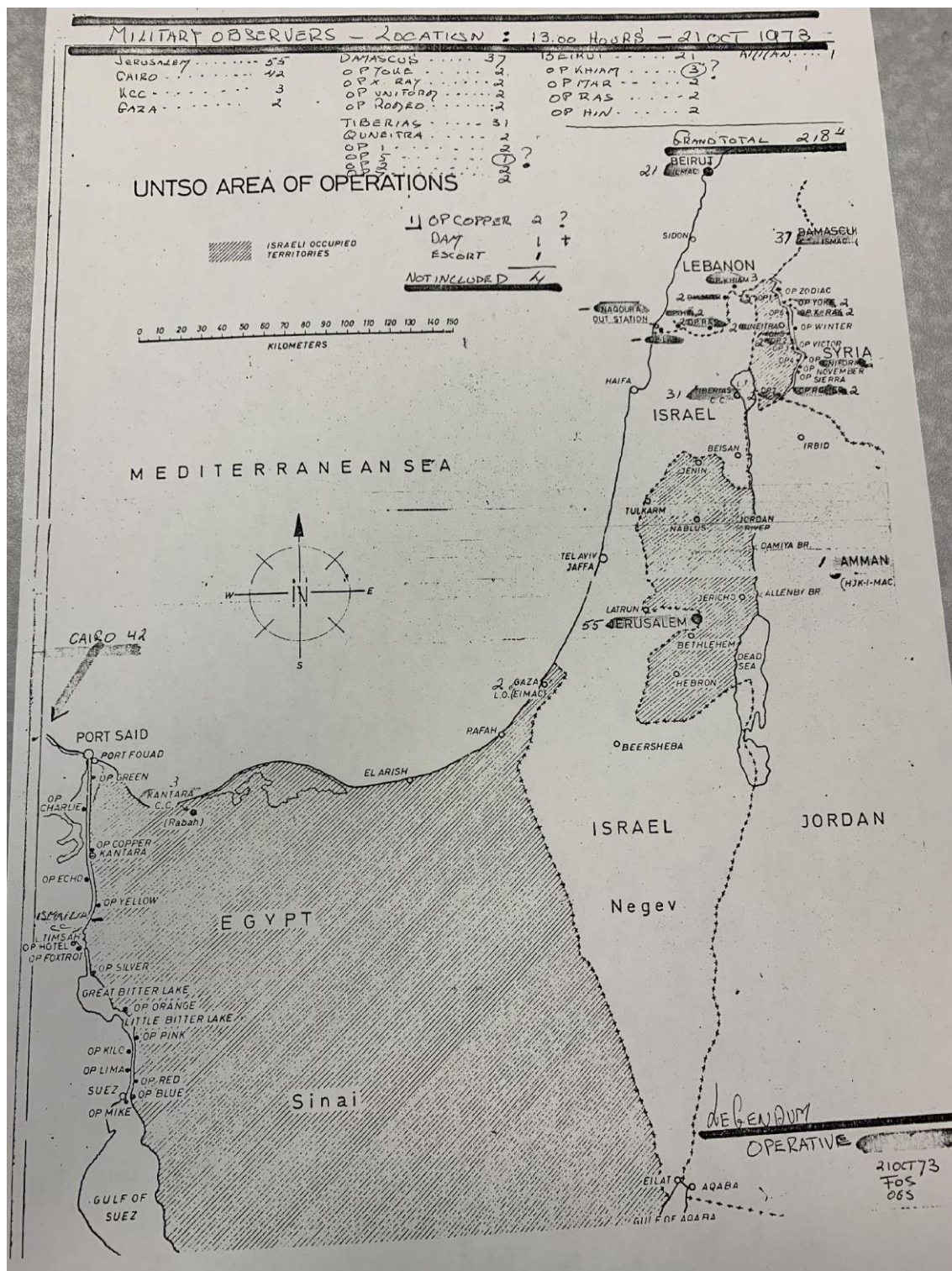
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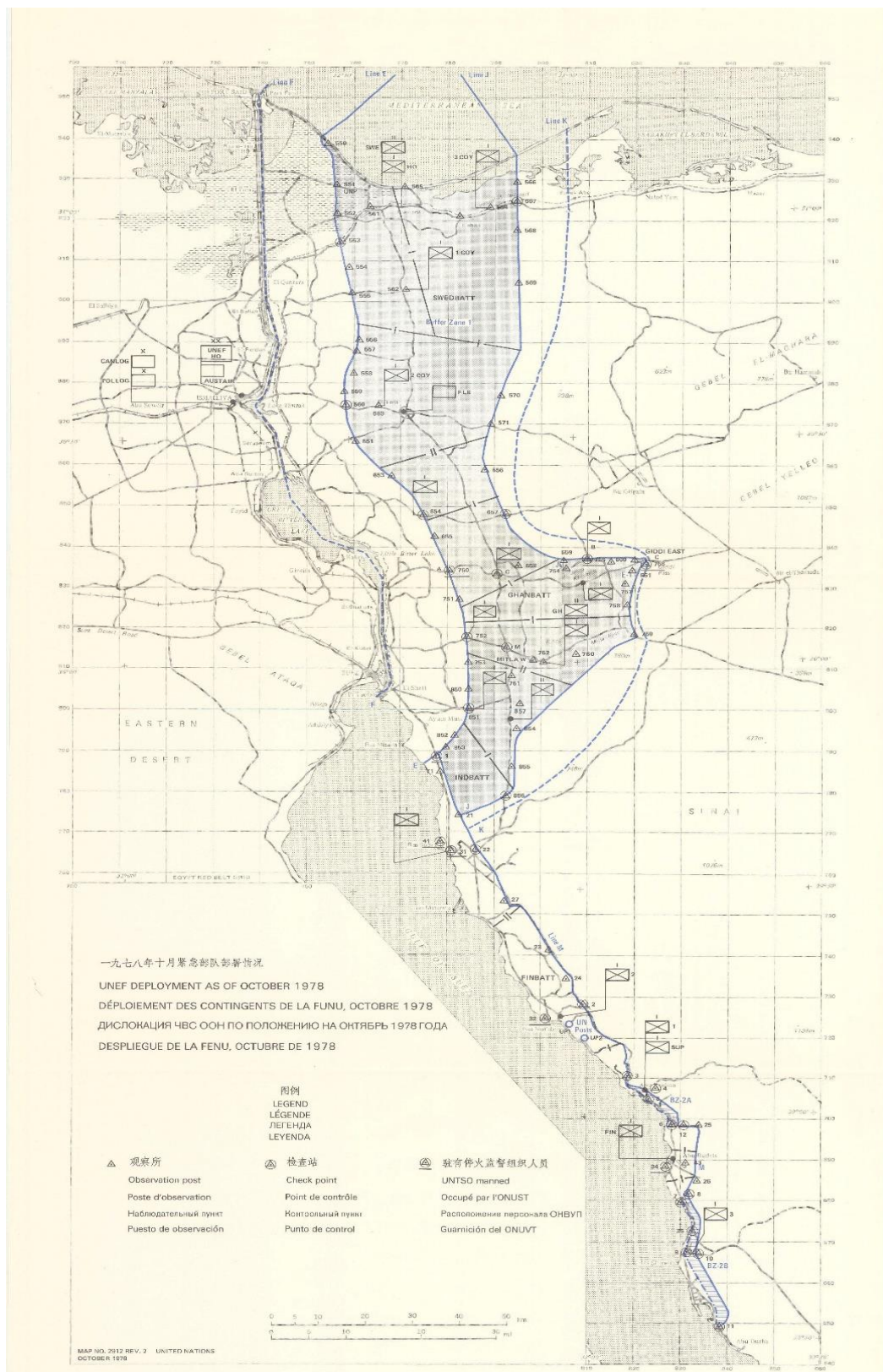


Figure 2. UNEF II Area of Operations as of 1978 (Source: UN Digital Library)

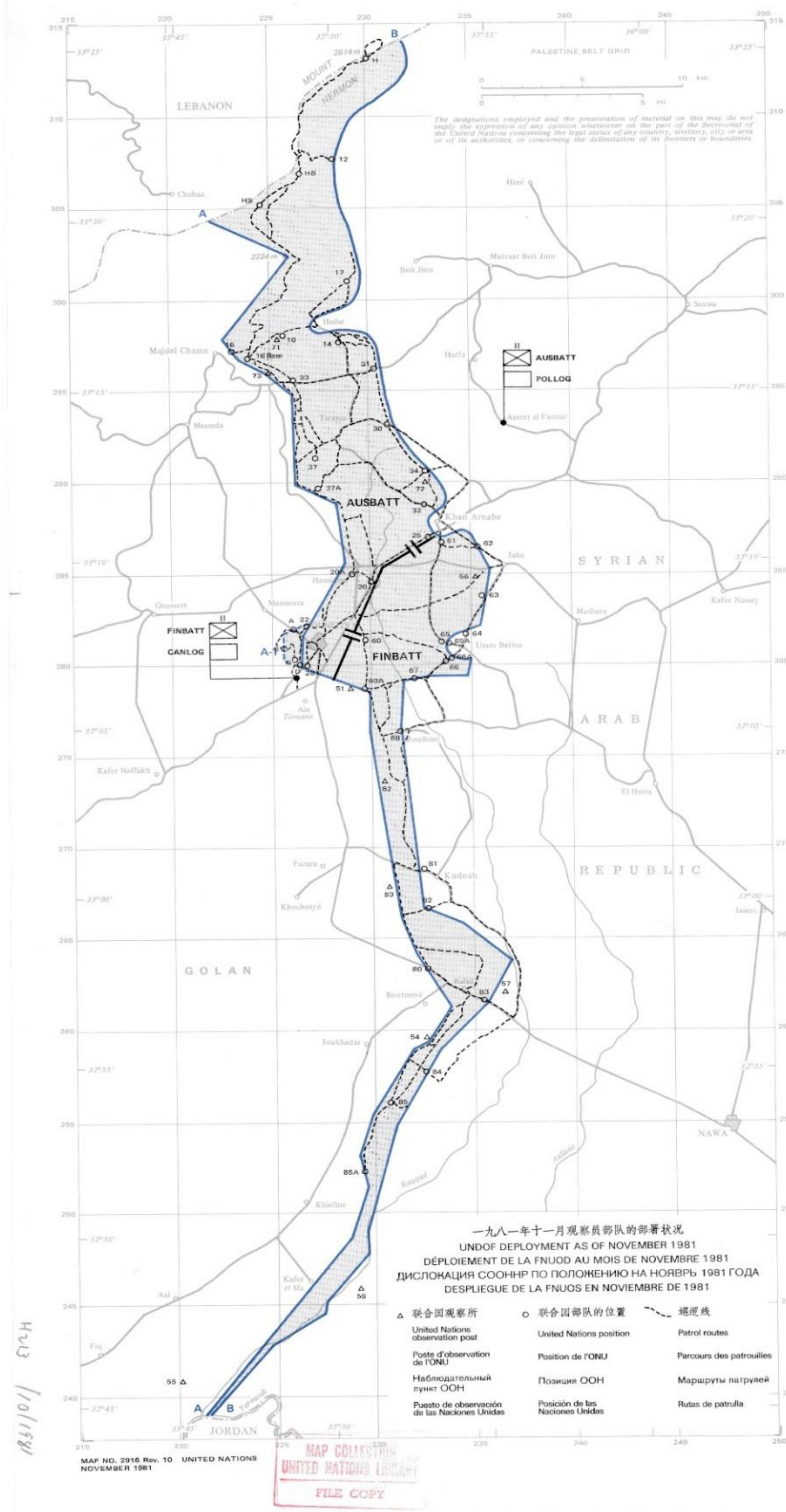


Figure 3. UNDOF Area of Operations as of 1981 (Source: UN Digital Library)



## **List of Acronyms**

|         |                                                                      |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AO      | Area of Operations                                                   |
| CAO     | Chief Administrative Officer                                         |
| CoS     | UNTSO Chief of Staff                                                 |
| FC      | Force Commander                                                      |
| IDF     | Israel Defence Forces                                                |
| IOC     | Inter-Operation Collaboration                                        |
| MAC     | Mixed-Armistice Commission                                           |
| MFO     | Multinational Force and Observers                                    |
| MNF     | Multinational Force                                                  |
| OGL     | Observer Group Lebanon                                               |
| OLG     | Observer Group Golan                                                 |
| OP      | Observation Post                                                     |
| OUSGSPA | Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs  |
| PLO     | Palestine Liberation Organisation                                    |
| SRSG    | Special Representative of the Secretary-General                      |
| TCCs    | Troop Contributing Countries                                         |
| UN      | United Nations                                                       |
| UNA     | United Nations Archives                                              |
| UNDOF   | United Nations Disengagement Observer Force                          |
| UNEF I  | First United Nations Emergency Force                                 |
| UNEF II | Second United Nations Emergency Force                                |
| UNGA    | United Nations General Assembly                                      |
| UNIFIL  | United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon                              |
| UNMO    | United Nations Military Observer                                     |
| UNPAC   | United Nations Palestine Commission                                  |
| UNSC    | United Nations Security Council                                      |
| UNSCO   | United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process |
| UNSCOP  | United Nations Special Committee on Palestine                        |
| UNSTO   | United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation                        |
| USG     | Under-Secretary-General                                              |