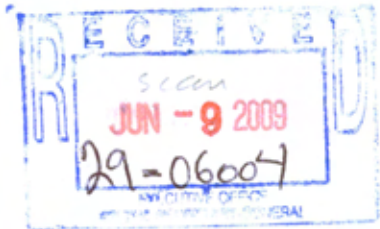


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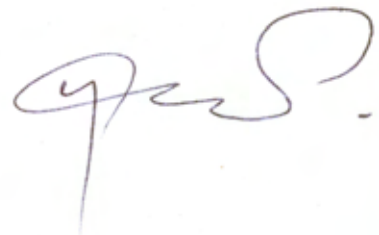
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Note to Mr. Nambiar

REPORTS OF BLUE LINE CROSSINGS BY ALLEGED LEBANESE SPIES

1. On 29 May 2009, the Secretary-General received his counterpart from the League of Arab States, Amre Moussa. Secretary-General Moussa queried about reports that alleged Lebanese spies working for Israel had crossed the Blue Line into Israel. He noted that the Blue Line was "under the control of UNIFIL".
2. In a cable to Mr. Le Roy dated 20 May, to which I was copied, UNIFIL Force Commander Maj.-Gen. Graziano noted that "*UNIFIL is not in a position to independently confirm or deny this information [that a number of Lebanese civilians were believed to have crossed the Blue Line into Israel between 7 and 18 May] as our troops did not observe any crossing of the Line of Withdrawal from the Lebanese to the Israeli side*". We consulted DPKO which indicated that it had nothing to add.
3. DPKO indicated that they informed the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations accordingly.

 B. Lynn Pascoe
8 June 2009 

cc: Mr. Le Roy

