

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN

THE PLO AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

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May 4, 1994

Mr. Prime Minister,

With regard to the Agreement on the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area, signed in Cairo on May 4, 1994 (hereinafter "the Agreement"), the PLO hereby confirms the following:

1. The PLO undertakes to ensure that the Palestinian Authority, including the Palestinian Police and other Palestinian Authority agencies, will function in accordance with the Agreement, and that the Palestinian Authority will activate the coordination and cooperation mechanism in a timely manner.
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3. The PLO undertakes to submit to the next meeting of the Palestinian National Council for formal approval the necessary changes in regard to the Palestinian Covenant, as undertaken in the letter dated September 9, 1993 signed by the Chairman of the PLO and addressed to the Prime Minister of Israel.
4. When Chairman Arafat enters the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area, he will use the title "Chairman (Ra'ees in Arabic) of the Palestinian Authority" or "Chairman of the PLO", and will not use the title "President of Palestine."
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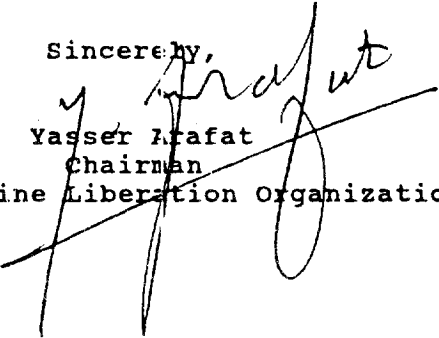
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6. Pursuant to Article IV, paragraph 3, of the Agreement, the PLO shall inform the Government of Israel of the names of the members of the Palestinian Authority in a letter that shall be provided within a week of signing the Agreement. The appointment of these members to the Palestinian Authority shall take effect upon an exchange of letters between the PLO and the Government of Israel. Changes in the membership of the Palestinian Authority will take effect upon an exchange of letters between the PLO and the Government of Israel.
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8. The two sides will intensify the negotiations on the interim arrangements consistent with the Declaration of Principles and guided by its target date.
9. The two sides reiterate their commitment to commence permanent status negotiations as soon as possible, but not later than the beginning of the third year of the interim period, as provided for in Article V of the Declaration of Principles.
10. As regards the relations between Israel and the PLO, and without derogating from the commitments contained in the letters dated September 9, 1993 signed by and exchanged between the Prime Minister of Israel and the Chairman of the PLO, the two sides will apply between them the provisions contained in Article XII, paragraph 1, with the necessary changes.
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 - b. the positioning of a Palestinian official at the bridge;
 - c. additional arrangements in the Rafah passage; and
 - d. all outstanding issues specified in the Agreement.

Sincerely,


Yasser Arafat
Chairman

The Palestine Liberation Organization

Yitzhak Rabin
Prime Minister of Israel

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The Government of the State of Israel acknowledges and confirms the undertakings and commitments contained in this letter.

Sincerely,



Yitzhak Rabin
Prime Minister of Israel

Yasser Arafat
Chairman
The Palestine Liberation Organization

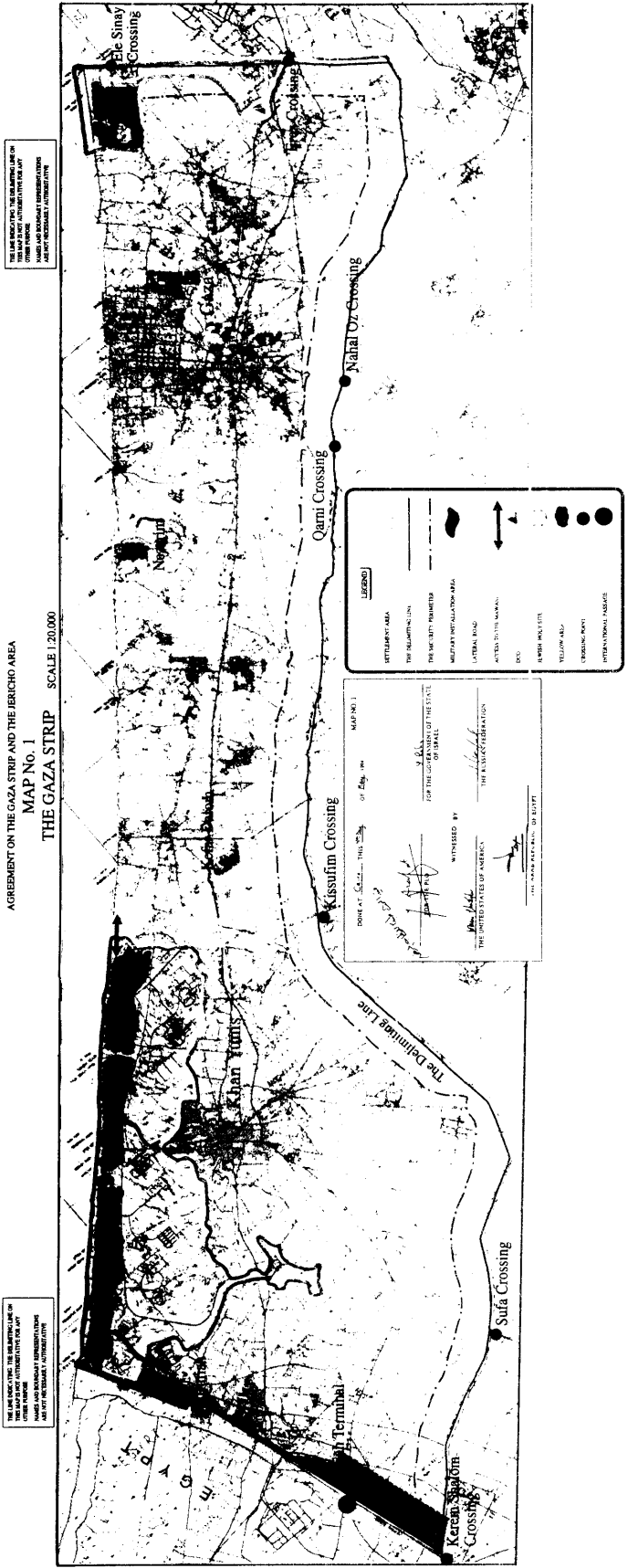
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MAPS

Originals of the attached maps, referred to in the letters dated 27 May 1994 to the Secretary-General from the Permanent Representatives of the United States of America and the Russian Federation, the Permanent Representative of Israel and the Permanent Observer of Palestine, are available for review in the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (Room S-3200, X-5047).

It will be noted that the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Mr. Yasser Arafat, has added the following inscription in Arabic beside his signature on each of the maps: "Under negotiation in accordance with the attached letter."

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AGREEMENT ON THE GAZA STRIP AND THE JERICO AREA

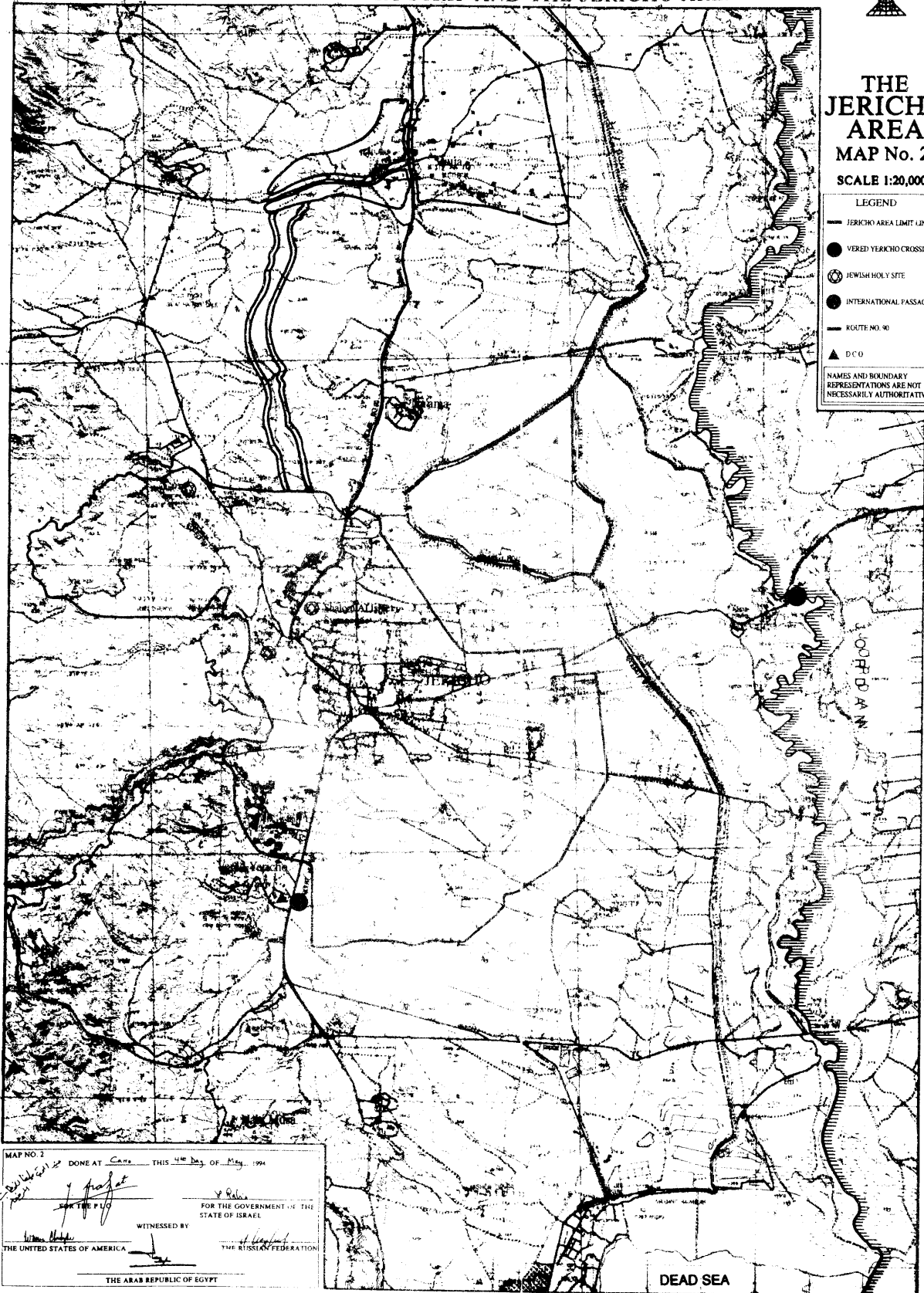


**THE
 JERICO
 AREA**
 MAP No. 2
 SCALE 1:20,000

LEGEND

- JERICO AREA LIMIT LINE
- VERED YERCHO CROSSING
- ⊙ JEWISH HOLY SITE
- INTERNATIONAL PASSAGE
- ROUTE NO. 90
- ▲ D.C.O.

NAMES AND BOUNDARY REPRESENTATIONS ARE NOT NECESSARILY AUTHORITY



MAP NO. 2
 DONE AT Cairo THIS 10th DAY OF May 1994

[Signature]
 FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

WITNESSED BY
[Signature]
 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

[Signature]
 THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

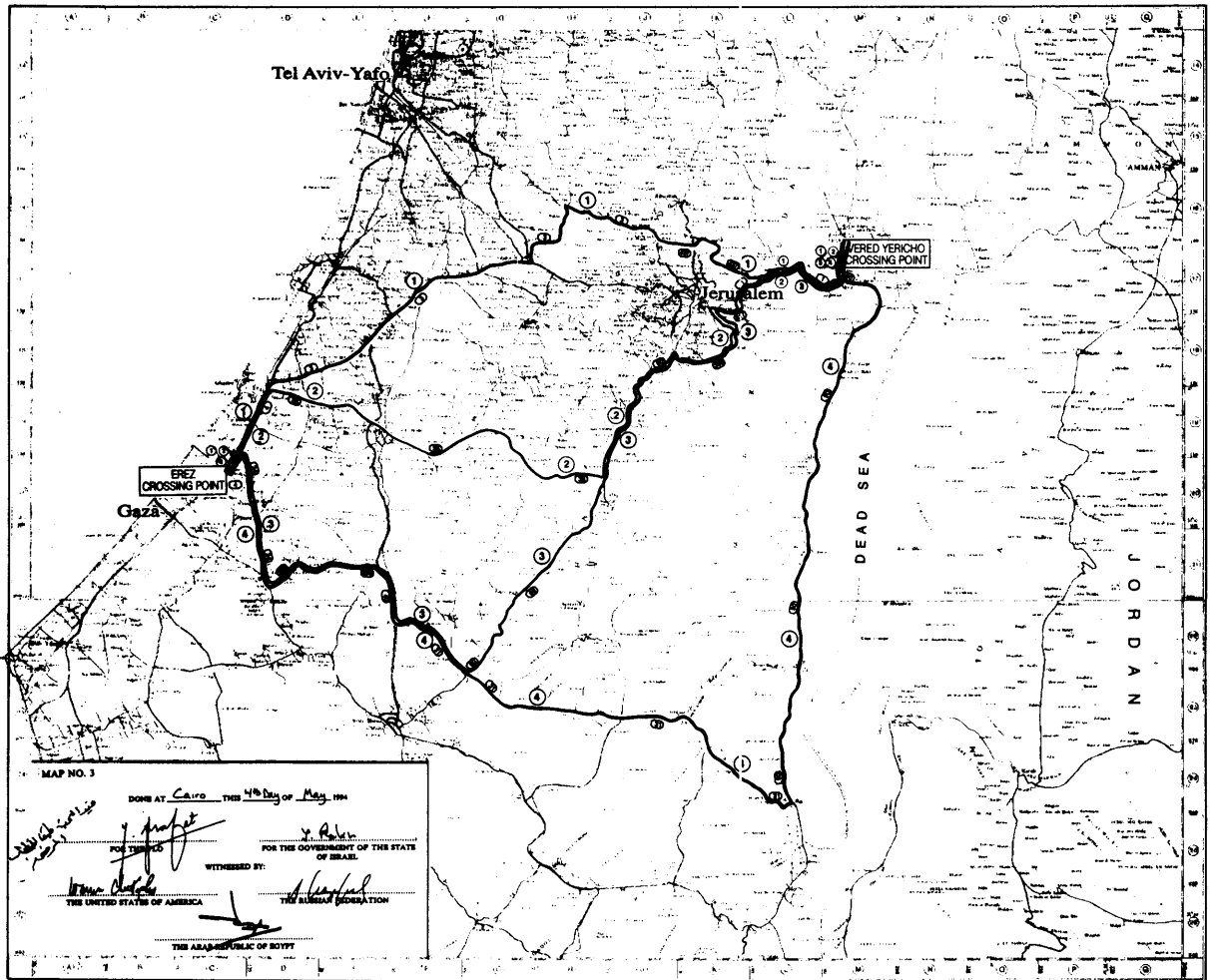
DEAD SEA

AGREEMENT ON THE GAZA STRIP AND THE JERICO AREA

MAP NO. 3

SAFE PASSAGE ROUTES BETWEEN THE GAZA STRIP AND THE JERICO AREA.

SCALE 1:250,000



MAP NO. 3
DONE AT CAIRO, THE 14th Day of May 1994
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL
WITNESSED BY:
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

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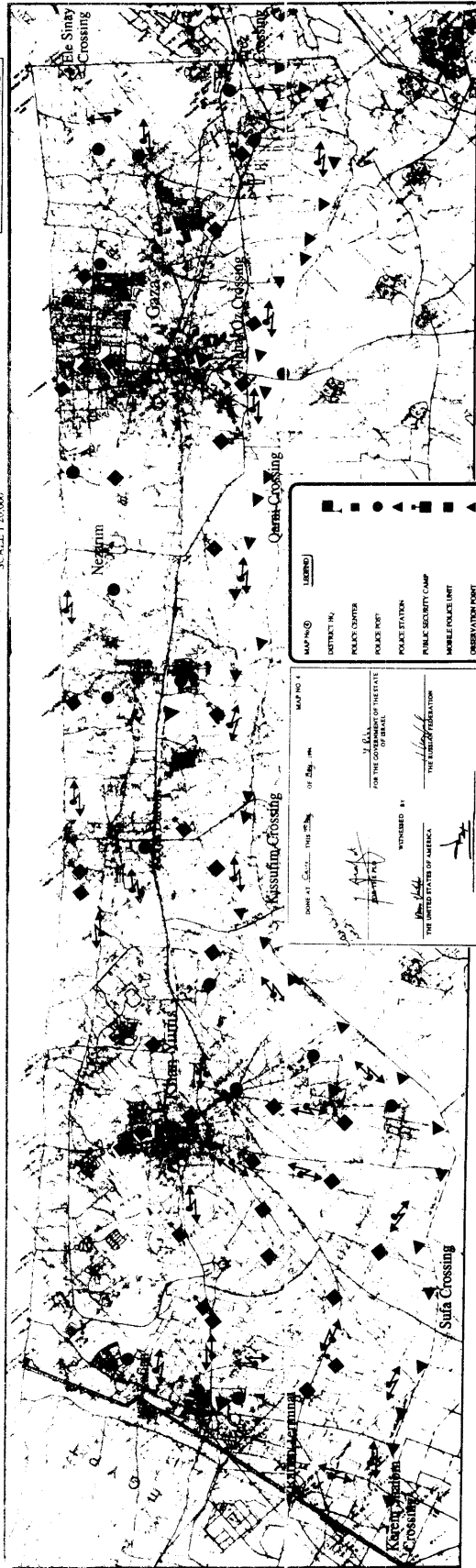
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AGREEMENT ON THE GAZA STRIP AND THE JERICO AREA
MAP No. 4 THE GAZA STRIP
PALESTINIAN POLICE DEPLOYMENT

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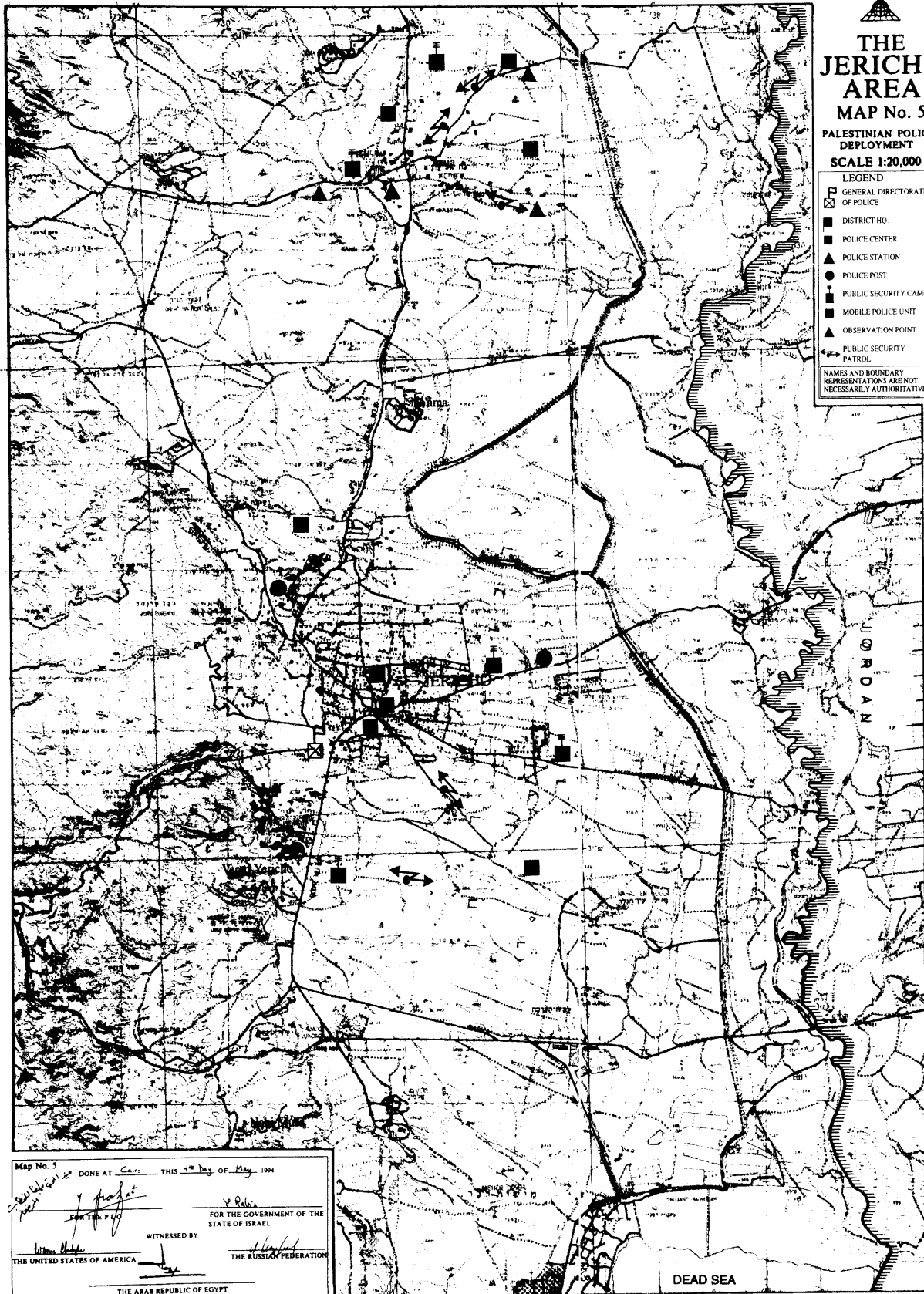


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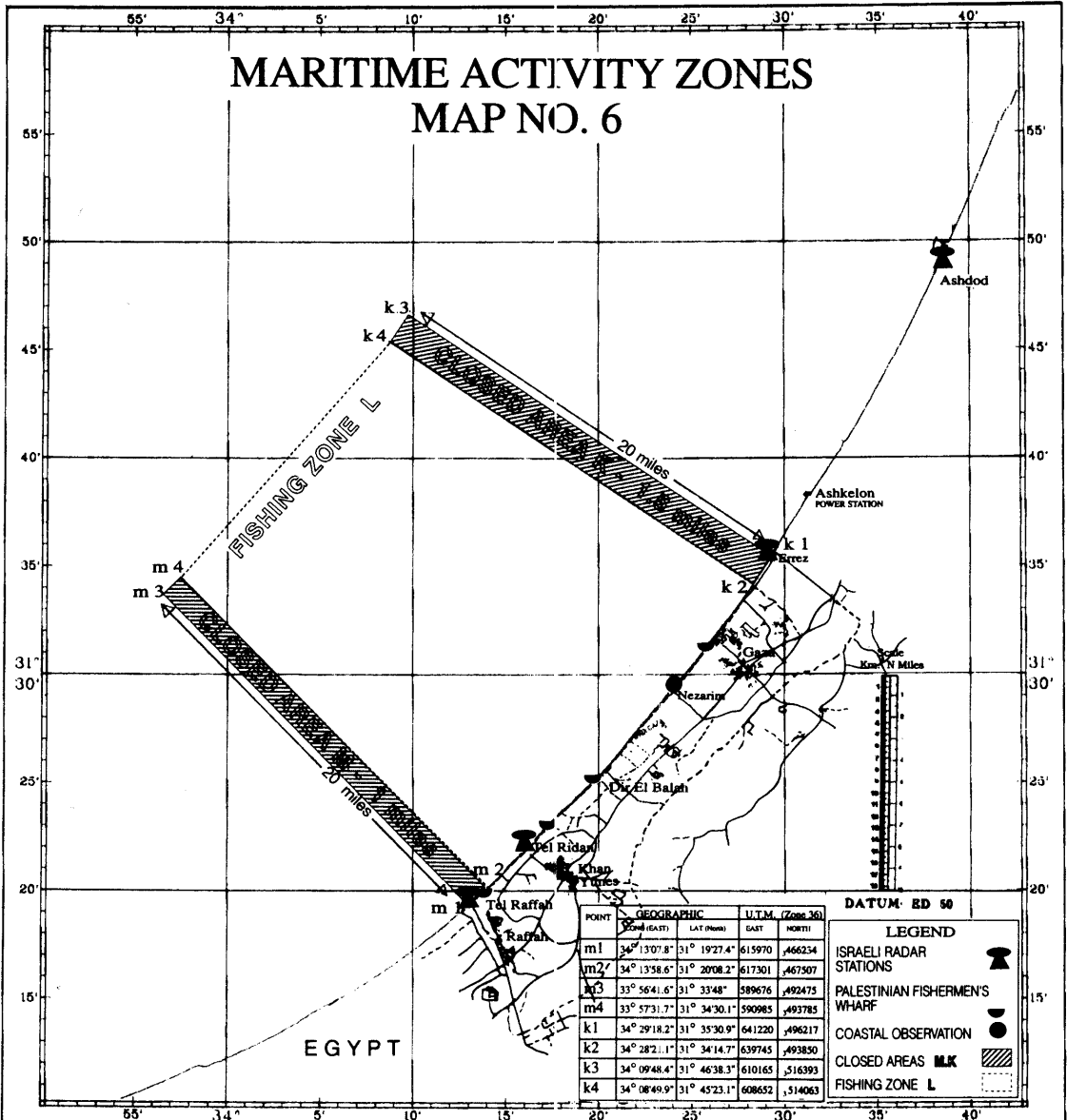
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- DISTRICT IN
- POLICE CENTER
- POLICE POST
- POLICE STATION
- PUBLIC SECURITY CAMP
- MOBILE POLICE UNIT
- OBSERVATION POINT
- PUBLIC SECURITY PATROL

MAP NO. 4
of 200,000
SCALE 1:20,000
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE
OF ISRAEL
WITHDRAWN BY
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF SYRIA

AGREEMENT ON THE GAZA STRIP AND THE JERICO AREA

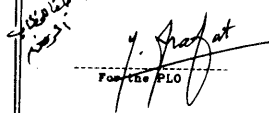
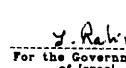


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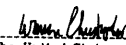




MAP NO. **6**

Done at CAIRO this 4th day of May 1994



 For the PLO For the Government of the State of Israel

Witnessed by



 The United States of America The Russian Federation


 The Arab Republic of Egypt