1. The Chief Officer of UNIPCM reports that, as of 30 September 1965, a total of thirty-nine Observers had been deployed on both sides of the line by stationing them, in general, at local command headquarters of the armed forces of India and Pakistan. More Observers are being deployed as they arrive and as transport and communications facilities become available to them.

2. Following are the basic points in the instructions which the Secretary-General has given to the Chief Officer of UNIPCM, Major-General MacDonald:

(a) The function of UNIPCM is based on the Security Council resolution of 20 September (S/RES/211(1965)). In operative paragraph 2 of that resolution the Secretary-General is requested "to provide the necessary assistance to ensure supervision of the cease-fire and withdrawal of all armed personnel."

(b) The scope of UNIPCM is the area of the conflict between India and Pakistan outside of Kashmir and beyond the Kashmir Cease-Fire Line.

(c) UNIPCM is an observation mission with the primary duty of observing and reporting.

(d) The reports submitted by the Observers should be thoroughly objective and as accurate and complete as possible.

(e) The reports are to be submitted in the name of the Chief Officer directly to the Secretary-General.

(f) The Observers in the field, in supervising the observance of the cease-fire, shall do all that they reasonably can to persuade local commanders to restore and observe the cease-fire in cases where firing occurs. Observers, however, have no power or authority to order or command an end to firing. Where their persuasive efforts fail, their recourse is to report fully to the Chief Officer on the circumstances leading to the breach of the cease-fire, on their efforts and on the results.
(g) The problem of achieving the withdrawals called for by the Security Council resolutions is difficult and complicated. Specific instructions for Observers on this aspect of their functions will be communicated at the appropriate time.

(h) The Observers must enjoy freedom of access and movement in the areas of their operation and the usual immunities of United Nations personnel. Agreements on these matters are being negotiated with the two Governments.

(i) The Observers are to serve as individuals and never as national teams. They are assimilated to United Nations Secretariat status while on UNIFISH duty.

(j) The Observers are subject to the direct orders of the Chief Officer of the Mission and must take no orders, instructions or advice from their Governments or their national military authorities on the performance of their United Nations duties.

(k) The Observers shall wear their national uniforms with the United Nations headgear and insignia.

(l) The Observers shall carry no arms.

(m) The Observers should be deployed in approximately equal numbers on each side of the line.

(n) The Observers should be deployed as close to the line as possible and particularly in the sensitive areas. They should, as a general rule, not be stationed in population centres.

(o) UNIFISH should be conducted as unobtrusively as possible, with a minimum of contact with the people of the country.

(p) On the other hand, the closest possible co-operation should be developed with the local military commands on both sides of the line.

(q) Any intrusion or intervention in the internal affairs of the country should be scrupulously avoided.

(r) Firm instructions should be given to the Observers to refrain from any public utterances about any aspect of the conflict between India and Pakistan or of the United Nations operation. Moreover, they should be instructed to be extremely careful about what they say on these matters in their private conversations, in their messages and correspondence.

(s) Observers should be instructed firmly to give no interviews to the press and to make no statements for publication.
(t) Observers must not communicate any information concerning the mission to their Governments and should be so instructed.

(u) I have assured the Security Council and the Governments of India and Pakistan that there will be close co-operation and co-ordination between UNMCGIP and UNIPCM both administratively and operationally, and therefore I have asked the Chief Officer of UNIPCM to establish and maintain the closest possible direct links with Lieutenant-General Nimmo and UNMCGIP. (They have met and are doing so).

3. In view of his long experience and extended service in the area, I have asked Lieutenant-General Nimmo to exercise a general overseeing function with regard to both operations.