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Secretary of State for External Affairs Denies
Canadian Troops Destroyed Equipment

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, denied emphatically this afternoon allegations that Canadian troops in UNEF had destroyed UN equipment prior to their recent withdrawal.

The Commander of UNEF has confirmed that he knew of no instance in which Canadian troops had destroyed UN equipment or had disobeyed his instructions not to do so.

In fact, Canadian army engineers at Sharm el Sheikh had installed an additional piece of equipment in the water desalination plant just prior to their withdrawal in order to improve it.