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LETTER DATED 5 JUNE 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that Israel committed a treacherous premeditated aggression against my country. This morning the Israelis launched attacks against the Gaza strip, Sinai, airports in Cairo, in the Suez Canal area and several other airports within the United Arab Republic. Preliminary reports indicate that twenty-three Israeli aeroplanes have been shot down and that several Israeli pilots have been captured.

In repelling this aggression I wish to inform you, upon instructions from my Government, that it has decided to defend itself by all means in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would take the necessary steps to have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Mohamed Awad EL KONY
Permanent Representative of
the United Arab Republic
to the United Nations