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Letter dated 15 April 1970 from the Permanent Representative of  
the United Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

Pursuant to my letter dated 8 April 1970 (A/7969, S/9744), I have the honour to bring to your attention that, in addition to the thirty-one school children murdered on the spot by Israeli jets on 8 April 1970, the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Republic has received with bitter sorrow the news that sixteen other school children died as a result of their wounds.

In order to put this additional information on record, my Government has instructed me to request the circulation of this letter and the enclosed photographs as an official document of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

These photographs, which show the corpses of the innocent victims and reveal their age, show also the nature of Israeli allegations that these victims were undergoing paramilitary training in a military compound. These children were cold-bloodedly murdered by Israelis, flying United States-supplied Phantom jet planes based and operating from a part of Egypt, which is occupied, in defiance of the Charter of the United Nations and its resolutions. Members of the United Nations will reflect on the situation of impotence in which the United Nations is being put and on the grave responsibility of those who cause or permit the perpetuation of this situation.

Any Israeli air raid conducted against any target, whether military or civilian, in our countries is clearly a violation of the Charter. When attacks are, however, being conducted against workers in their factories and children in

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their schools, neither claim of error nor crude efforts at justification are worth refuting.

Kindly allow me to quote here the following dispatch from Cairo by Reuters dated 15 April 1970:

"Egypt today invited United Nations inspection of an area west of the Suez Canal where forty-six children died after an Israeli air attack last week. At the same time, the chief Government spokesmen rejected further Israeli claims that the school at Bahr El Bakar was inside a military encampment.

"Israel produced new aerial pictures yesterday purporting to show that the site had been a military area but that military vehicles had been removed before foreign correspondents visited the scene two days ago. The correspondents saw no sign of military equipment and saw work on agricultural development projects. The spokesman said Egypt was ready to accept full inspection of the area by a United Nations representative."

(Signed) Mohamed H. EL-ZAYYAT  
Permanent Representative of the  
United Arab Republic to the  
United Nations

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN FOLLOWING AN ISRAELI PHANTOM RAID  
ON AN EGYPTIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL AT BAHR EL BAKAR,  
SHARKIAH GOVERNORATE, ON 8 APRIL 1970







