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Letter dated 27 August 1969 from the Secretary-General to the  
Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23 August 1969 (A/7588, S/9405) concerning incidents on 19, 20 and 21 August involving the construction work on a shelter for the United Nations Military Observers at Observation Post Orange in the Suez Canal sector, the facts of which have been essentially confirmed by the Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, Lt. General Odd Bull.

You will, I am sure, be interested to have information on the progress of work at Observation Post Orange subsequent to 21 August. According to reports from General Bull, work has taken place each day since that time without interruption and the shelter at Observation Post Orange was completed on 25 August.

In order that the members of the Security Council may be similarly informed, I am having this letter circulated to them as was done with yours.

(Signed) U THANT  
Secretary-General

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