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Letter dated 12 November 1971 from the Permanent Representative
of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

Attached is a copy of a note dated 12 November 1971 from the United States Mission to the United Nations to the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations concerning the shooting incident at the Soviet Mission on 20 October 1971.

We would appreciate your arranging for our letter to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) George BUSH

United States Mission
To The United Nations

12 November 1971

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations and has the honour to acknowledge the latter's note, dated 21 October 1971, concerning shots fired on 20 October 1971 into a room on the eleventh floor of the Soviet Mission building.^{1/}

Immediately after the shots were fired, the Police Department of the City of New York and concerned Federal Agencies started a complete investigation. In less than 24 hours, a Remington semi-automatic rifle, which was used to fire the shots, was located in a guitar case in the air shaft of the roof of the building housing Hunter College of the City University of New York. Further investigation revealed that the rifle had been allegedly purchased from a store in Hempstead, New York, by a youth named Isaac M. Jaroslowicz, age 18, who is a student at Brooklyn College. Mr. Jaroslowicz was arrested on 22 October 1971 and charged with violation of the 1970 Federal Gun Control Act and released in \$25,000 bond. A Federal Grand Jury has now handed down an indictment against him and it is expected that further hearings in the case against him will be held shortly.

Since the incident, the Police Department of the City of New York has increased coverage of the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics from a total of 36 patrolmen and two sergeants over a 24-hour period, to a new complement of 53 patrolmen and four sergeants over a 24-hour period. These statistics do not include senior supervisory personnel of the Police Department of the City of New York, who devote a portion of their time to the security of the Soviet Mission.

The United States Mission to the United Nations has also been informed that the Police Department of the City of New York has instituted a detail consisting of two men during each eight-hour shift, equipped with walkie-talkies, high-powered

^{1/} A/8505, annex II.

rifles and day- and night-time vision binoculars, who station themselves alternately on the roof of several buildings in the vicinity of the Soviet Mission with a commanding view of the entire area. In this connexion, the Police Department of the City of New York informed the United States Mission to the United Nations that it would have been helpful if the Soviet Mission had granted permission to police officers to station themselves on the roof of the Soviet Mission, or at least visit the roof to view the surrounding area, to determine on which buildings police officers might be posted. As the Soviet Mission knows, both these requests were denied.

On 21 October 1971, Ambassador George Bush wrote to Ambassador Yakov Malik condemning the cowardly and hostile act committed against the Soviet Mission. He stated, further, that this act did not represent the feelings of the American people and that the Government of the United States was outraged. At the same time, the Department of State in Washington stated that the Government of the United States deplored this senseless and cowardly act of violence.

The United States Mission to the United Nations takes this opportunity to state that besides the arrest already made, every step legally possible is being taken to apprehend whoever may have been involved in this incident and to bring the perpetrators to justice.