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LETTER DATED 18 OCTOBER 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LIBYA  
ADDRESSFD TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to draw the attention of Your Excellency to the official statement made by the spokesman of the United States Embassy in Tel Aviv, declaring that the United States citizens who become citizens of Israel and serve in its armed forces are permitted to maintain their American nationality.

In the view of the Libyan Arab Republic's Government, this statement is an official support of the Zionist policy aiming at encouraging American citizens of Jewish faith to have double nationality and allegiance to Israel and the United States.

Consequently, American citizens can take part in military aggressive acts of Israel against the Palestinian people and Arab countries. In this connexion, I would like to affirm that the Libyan Government fully supports the letter addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Republic, document S/9477, dated 17 October 1969, and to emphasize that the views expressed in that letter represent the official position of the Libyan Arab Republic, and undoubtedly that of the whole Arab nation, which is determined to resist Israel aggression and its expansionist policy in this area, as well as those powers who created Israel and have continued giving her economic, political and military support.

I would like, furthermore, to inform Your Excellency, that the Minister of Unity and Foreign Affairs of the Libyan Arab Republic made in this respect, the following statement:

"The action of the United States Government constitutes an obvious encouragement to the American youth to serve in the Israeli armed forces, thus consolidating the occupation of Arab lands and contributing to the escalation of Zionist aggression against our Arab nation, aiming at destroying its character, identity, and cultural and religious heritage. The United States, by taking such an attitude, will create a condition for a long, bitter, and destructive war.

"The possible Arab reaction to this attitude would be to seek the support of other nations outside the region, encouraging the same practice initiated by the United States Government.

"Such eventuality will turn the whole region into a horrible battlefield, which will certainly endanger international peace and security, and for this, the United States must bear the full responsibility."

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Wahbi EL-BOURI  
Permanent Representative of  
the Libyan Arab Republic to  
the United Nations

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