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LETTER DATED 14 NOVEMBER 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF JORDAN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am instructed by my Government to draw the attention of the Security Council to a grave situation resulting from a naked act of aggression committed by the Israeli armed forces on 13 November 1966.

1. At approximately 6.15 a.m., the Israeli armed forces crossed the Armistice Demarcation Line in brigade strength, supported by a squadron of mirage jets, heavy artillery, a large number of personnel carriers and more than twenty tanks. The objective of the invading force was to destroy Arab villages and hamlets south of Hebron. In particular, they subjected the villages of El-Samua, Rafaat and the Police Post of Rajm Al-Madfaa' to bombardment from the air. Rajm Al-Madfaa' was also, together with the village of Tawawani, the target of shelling by heavy Israeli artillery.

2. Detachments of the Jordanian army and air force engaged the Israeli invaders in battle and stopped their advance.

3. The Mixed Armistice Commission twice called on the Israeli authorities to cease fire and withdraw to the Israeli side of the Armistice Demarcation Line, but the Israeli authorities refused to do so until determined resistance forced their retreat.

4. The heavy losses in life and property resulting from this reckless and wanton act of aggression will be communicated to the Council as soon as a final report is received.

5. My Government has already asked for an emergency meeting of the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission and investigations are now being carried out.

6. By this surprise and dastardly attack against civilian population and property, Israel has added one more link in the long chain of acts of war against Arab people. We have warned the Council in its last session of imminent

Israeli aggression, and this premeditated act of lawlessness has proved that our warning was well founded.

7. The Israelite authorities have again boasted, as usual, of this criminal act and assumed responsibility for it. We, therefore, call attention of the Security Council to the explosive situation now prevailing in the area. Unless a deterrent action, therefore, is taken by the Council forthwith, similar acts of international banditry are likely to continue against the Arab people and may lead to very serious consequences.

8. The matter now is in the hands of the Mixed Armistice Commission and we are hereby reserving our right to call for an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider further action.

9. I respectfully request that this letter be circulated to all members of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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