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LETTER DATED 2 AUGUST 1966 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE UNITED KINGDOM ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At 0830 hours local time on 30 July, two aircraft believed to have been MIGs appeared over Nuqub in the Amirate of Baihan in the Federation of South Arabia from the direction of the Yemen. After making one high level run the aircraft carried out two low level strafing attacks on the town from a height of approximately 500 feet, one from the south east and one from the north west. During the course of these attacks they fired 20 mm cannon and .5 machine guns using mixture of high explosive and incendiary rounds. Three Arab children were wounded and a total of seventy-five hits have so far been counted on houses in the town.

The shell cases recovered have been provisionally identified as Russian and the evidence thus indicates that the aircraft responsible for this attack were aircraft of the United Arab Republic Air Force operating from an airfield in the Yemen.

I have been instructed by my Government to request an immediate meeting of the Security Council to consider the situation arising from this unprovoked and indefensible attack on a town in a state forming part of the Federation of South Arabia for whose protection and for the conduct of whose external affairs the United Kingdom is responsible.

At this meeting the United Kingdom would wish to be inscribed as the first speaker.

I avail myself etc.

(Signed) Roger JACKLING
