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LETTER DATED 1 MAY 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF JORDAN
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to the attention of the Security Council still another flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement.

At approximately midnight on 29/30 of April 1966, Israeli regular armed forces crossed the Armistice Demarcation Line into the Hebron district. They launched an unprovoked vicious attack on the village of Rafat, three kilometres inside Jordan, and blew up nineteen houses. The dwellers, all of whom are peaceful farmers, managed to escape. Before withdrawal, the Israeli soldiers opened their artillery fire on the police station causing substantial damage and injuring two Jordanian soldiers.

At approximately the same time, another unit of the Israeli regular armed forces penetrated four kilometres into Jordan territory, crossing the Jordan River and attacking unarmed farmers' houses and the Sheikh Hussein police station.

The information available at this stage indicates that at least eight civilians were killed, several seriously injured and four houses blown up.

This naked aggression on Jordan territory and people was admitted by the Israel authorities, who tried to justify it as an act of reprisal for alleged activities directed against them from Jordan. This unfounded allegation was rejected by the Mixed Armistice Commission which has already examined one of these charges and found no evidence to substantiate it. Therefore, in complete disregard of the General Armistice Agreement, and in defiance of the United Nations, the Israelite authority launched their unprovoked attacks, in the dark, murdering peaceful farmers and destroying property.

We have brought to the attention of the Security Council and reported on innumerable occasions to the Mixed Armistice Commission, other Israeli violations of the General Armistice Agreement. The renewal of these acts of aggression by

the regular armed forces of the Israeli authorities, carried out in the dark on innocent civilians, and especially the recent one in which eight civilians were killed, four other civilians wounded, two soldiers wounded, and twenty-three houses blown up, constitute grave violations of the General Armistice Agreement and of the Charter of the United Nations and threaten peace and security.

My Government has lodged a strong protest with the Mixed Armistice Commission and asked for an urgent meeting to consider these acts of lawlessness. We reserve our right to request a meeting of the Security Council to adopt adequate measures which will ensure the cessation of these Israeli acts of aggression.

I shall be grateful if this matter is circulated to all members of the Security Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Muhammad H. EL-FARRA
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Permanent Representative