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LETTER DATED 2 DECEMBER 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PAKISTAN
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have been instructed by my Government to inform you that the Government of India, in utter disregard of the universally accepted diplomatic practice and the norms of international behaviour, subjected the officers and staff of the Deputy High Commission for Pakistan in Calcutta to the most uncivilized treatment following the outbreak of war between the two countries as a result of India's invasion of Pakistan. A copy of the protest note addressed to the High Commission of India in Pakistan on this subject is enclosed.

I shall be grateful if this letter is circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Syed Amjad ALI
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the
United Nations

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ISLAMABAD

Dated 19 November 1965

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the High Commission of India in Pakistan and has the honour to state that, according to information now received, the Pakistan Deputy High Commissioner in Calcutta and his staff and their family members have been treated by authorities in West Bengal in a manner entirely contrary to diplomatic practice and the norms of international behaviour. These breaches have been protested by the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi:

- (i) In violation of diplomatic immunity eight armed guards were put up in Deputy High Commissioner's residence and armed police escorts sat beside officers and wives in the same car.
- (ii) On 12 September 1965 at 8.30 p.m. the Calcutta police sealed the gates of the Visa Office. The forcible seizure of a part of a diplomatic mission and its sealing is a grave violation of the principle of inviolability of diplomatic missions. The Visa Office was not opened till 2 November in spite of repeated requests. This has already been referred to earlier.
- (iii) An official's wife, who was expecting, was discharged from the Karrani Hospital in complete disregard of her condition.
- (iv) Telephones remained cut off even after cease-fire.
- (v) Missions accounts remained frozen.
- (vi) Money orders for consular fees were not delivered.

The Government of Pakistan hopes that remedial measures have been by now taken and requests a confirmation thereof and an apology for the callous disregard of normal behaviour towards a diplomatic mission.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

The High Commission of India
in Pakistan, Islamabad

