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LETTER DATED 18 OCTOBER 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to the statement at the 1445th plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 17 October 1966 by the distinguished representative of Yemen, in which reference was made to South Arabia.

As United Kingdom representative I do not accept the statement of the Yemeni representative in so far as it disputes the sovereignty of the United Kingdom Government over Aden. The United Kingdom Government has no doubt as to its sovereignty over the territory of Aden and I wish formally to reserve the rights of the United Kingdom Government on this question.

Similarly, there is no foundation for the Yemeni claims to the States of the Protectorate of South Arabia; until the independence of South Arabia not later than 1968, these States are under the protection of the United Kingdom Government and the United Kingdom Government is responsible for their external relations. The Yemen therefore has no claim to act on their behalf.

The distinguished representative of Yemen also made a number of other references to United Kingdom policy on South Arabia to which the United Kingdom delegation will reply as appropriate at subsequent discussions on South Arabia at this session of the Assembly.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would arrange for the circulation of this letter as a General Assembly document.

(Signed) CARADON
