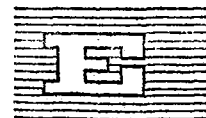
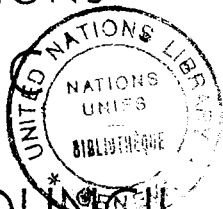


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Letter dated 22 February 1980 from the Permanent Representative
of the Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the
United Nations Office and the specialized agencies at Geneva,
addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights
at its thirty-sixth session.

The Egyptian delegation to the Commission on Human Rights has the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the communiqué, dated 19 February 1980, issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt to refute the allegation made in the 17 February 1980 issue of the United Kingdom weekly The Sunday Times that Egypt is being used as an intermediary in the shipment of arms exports from France to South Africa.

The Egyptian delegation would be obliged if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights under agenda items 6, 7, 16 and 20.

(signed)

Omran EL SHAFEI

TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED BY
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT
19 FEBRUARY 1980

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt categorically denies the allegation, published in the United Kingdom weekly The Sunday Times on 17 February 1980, that Egypt is being used as an intermediary in the shipment of arms sold by France to South Africa.

Egypt has no interest in playing such a rôle. Egyptian policy will always remain firm in its steadfast opposition to racial discrimination.

Egypt, which broke off all relations with South Africa long ago, will maintain that position and will refuse to have any contact with that racist régime.