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Letter dated 24 March 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to
the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Kamel Hassan Al-Maghur, Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison concerning the provocative military manoeuvres conducted by the United States off the Libyan coast.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Rajab A. AZZAROUK
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Letter from the Secretary of the People's Committee of the
People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison of the Libyan Arab
Jamahiriya addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to draw to your attention the fact that the United States is resuming its provocative military manoeuvres off the coast of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the commencement having been announced yesterday, 23 March 1986, by the United States Government.

The resumption of the manoeuvres and the threat of aggression against the sovereignty of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya confirms the hostile intentions of the United States towards the sovereignty, freedom and security of Libyan Arab territory and territorial waters.

While squarely confronting the United States plan of aggression, Libya considers that the dangerous undertaking of the United States jeopardizes peace in the region, if not throughout the world.

The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya calls to the attention of the international community, through you, this provoking and dangerous escalation of United States military manoeuvres directed against itself and also stresses the perils which derive from the consequences of such provocations. As from today, it feels obliged to prepare to apply the provisions of Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, with full responsibility in this matter resting on the United States.

The Jamahiriya is forced to adopt this attitude. Because of the United States veto, however, it is convinced that the Security Council is no longer able to assume its responsibilities or to play its role in the maintenance of international peace and security. Libya therefore has no other choice in protecting its security and integrity than to resort to its own strength.

(Signed) Kamel Hassan AL-MAQHUR
Secretary of the People's Committee of the
People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison
