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Letter dated 8 March 1971 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter of 2 March 1971 (A/8290, S/10139), I have the honour to refer to the letter addressed to Your Excellency on 5 March 1971 (A/8295, S/10146) by the representative of Israel concerning changes in the status of Jerusalem.

It has become customary for the representative of Israel to brush aside facts brought up by my delegation or another concerning Israel's measures in Jerusalem which violate United Nations resolutions by describing those facts as distortions.

The Israeli letter of 5 March 1971 admits the changes referred to in my letter of 2 March 1971 affecting the Jordanian Electricity Company as follows:

"In view of the situation in Jerusalem it was found necessary, in order to ensure the continuity and operation of electrical services to the people of Jerusalem, to introduce requisite changes in the status of certain elements of the public ownership of these services." (underlining is ours)

It is these changes in the status of Jerusalem, affecting in this particular case a Jordanian company, which we are protesting against and which the United Nations resolutions condemn and forbid.

The question arises as to who is distorting the facts and who is defying the United Nations resolutions.

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I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

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