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Letter dated 19 February 1971 from the Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, on instructions of my Government, further to my letter to you of 18 February 1971 (A/8283, S/10126) concerning the letter addressed to you on 17 February 1971 by the Permanent Representative of Jordan (A/8281, S/10123), to state the following.

It is a matter of public record that on 5 June 1967, when the Jordanian Government initiated its full-scale attack on Israel in Jerusalem in spite of Israel's call to Jordan, transmitted through United Nations channels, to refrain from doing so, it violated and occupied the compound of the United Nations headquarters in Jerusalem.

The Secretary-General reported on this at the time, notably at the 1347th meeting of the Security Council on 5 June 1967.

It will not be overlooked that it is precisely the Government of Jordan which is now advancing spurious charges in relation to an area which was the object of its own deliberate and unprovoked aggression.

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

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations

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