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Letter dated 26 April 1970 from the Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government I have the honour to draw your attention to a statement made on 24 April 1970 by the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Jordan concerning the cease-fire established by the Security Council.

According to the Middle East News Agency, Mr. Abdul Moneim Rifai declared on Lebanese television that he "agreed with Nasser that the cease-fire between the Arabs and Israel was non-existent".

This declaration constitutes a development of the utmost gravity in Jordan's attitude regarding the obligations solemnly assumed by it under the cease-fire resolutions. It will be recalled that the cease-fire is unconditional except for being based on reciprocity and that the Security Council rejected all proposals to link it to any other matters whatever, including the question of withdrawal.

Jordan's refusal in the past to abide by its cease-fire obligations and to prevent acts of aggression from its territory has already created a most dangerous situation along the Israel-Jordan line. My Government would appreciate it if you would urgently apprise the Jordanian Government of the full implications that would ensue from such a declaration repudiating the cease-fire.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated 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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