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LETTER DATED 28 NOVEMBER 1980 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instruction from the Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency herewith the text of a letter from the Secretariat dated 24 November 1980, concerning the American aggressive acts against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

I would be grateful if the aforementioned letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Awad S. BURWIN
Minister Plenipotentiary
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.

Annex

Letter dated 24 November 1980 from the Secretariat for Foreign
Affairs of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya addressed to the
President of the Security Council

In a letter that was issued as a Security Council Document No. S/14094 on 6 August 1980, the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya has previously drawn the attention of the Security Council and the attention of the Non-Aligned Countries to the aggressive acts committed by the American administration against the people of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, acts such as the provocations by American military ships and airplanes and their violations of Libyan territorial waters and airspace as they conduct on daily basis listening, jamming and reconnaissance operations. These aggressive acts are compounded by the huge masses of American military airplanes and war ships that roam the Mediterranean Sea close to Libyan shores, and by the vicious media campaigns aimed at discrediting and distorting the image of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

We wish to draw once more the attention of the Security Council to its responsibility toward the continuing provocative and aggressive acts conducted by the United States of America against the people of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. The American administration has escalated its provocative acts against the Libyan people by continuing its reconnaissance operations violating our territorial waters and airspace in premeditated provocative acts, and by establishing more naval and air bases on Egyptian land close to Libyan borders and territorial waters. This provocative and aggressive act has reached the extent of sending American aggression forces - the Rapid Deployment Forces - to Egypt and conducting aggressive manoeuvres on Egyptian land close to our borders, manoeuvres supervised by the commander of the American aggression forces.

We believe that the concentration of these naval and air bases in Egypt close to our borders and the above-mentioned aggressive manoeuvres are part of preparations and plans for aggression against us, because these military exercises by the American aggression forces and the bases established close to our borders are directed primarily against us. We do not believe that they have any objective other than preparing for aggression against us. We also note that these preparations and manoeuvres are accompanied by a vicious propaganda campaign aimed at distorting the facts about our people, deceiving the public opinion and creating a climate for aggression. We very well know that the international community and the peace-loving people will not be deceived by this vicious campaign conducted by the American officials and the American media.

These manoeuvres started on 16 November 1980 and concluded on 22 November 1980. During these manoeuvres, in which naval and air forces participated, military planes and ships violated Libyan airspace and territorial waters. This unlawful and provocative behaviour by the American administration confirms what we have made plain in our letter about the premeditated aggressive intentions against the people of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya through the continued provocations

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and violations of its airspace and territorial waters, a matter which can lead to the collapse of peace and security in this sensitive part of the world. The United States of America will be held responsible for this collapse of peace and security.

With regard to this dangerous situation, the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya wishes to submit these facts to the Security Council and retain the right, provided for by International Law and the Charter of the United Nations, to take whatever measures that will enable it to defend itself against these provocative acts. The logic of force which characterized these acts and provocations must be faced by the same logic by the Libyan People.

Secretariat for Foreign Affairs
The Socialist People's Libyan
Arab Jamahiriya
