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LETTER DATED 3 JULY 1980 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the note verbale dated 19 June 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council, (S/14010), I have the honour to bring the following points to your attention:

- (1) The afore-mentioned letter is permeated with fallacious and unfounded allegations about Egypt. Its contents are totally and categorically rejected by my Government. It represents another futile attempt to distort facts and cast doubts and aspersions on Egypt's foreign policy. For Libya to continue advancing unconvincing and unsubstantiated accusations would only escalate tension in the area. To persist with this irresponsible policy and overtly threaten Egypt is a clear violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations.
- (2) Throughout the last few years, Libyan agents have attempted to commit terrorist acts in Egypt. Several civilians were afflicted by this indiscriminate Libyan policy of sabotage.
- (3) Tension developed in the Egyptian-Libyan border areas as a result of Libya's attempts to infiltrate subversive elements into Egypt and Libya's recurrent, overt threats.
- (4) In order to discharge its responsibilities for the maintenance of law and order, the Egyptian Government had no alternative but to declare a state of emergency along the border with Libya as a precautionary measure to ensure that attempts by Libyan agents to infiltrate into Egypt will be foiled. In point of fact it was clearly noticeable that since the institution of the state of emergency, the infiltration attempts have substantially decreased.
- (5) The precautionary measures adopted by the Egyptian Government are confined to Egyptian territory and are fully within Egypt's sovereign rights and consistent with the principles of international law, the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of non-alignment.

Upon instructions from my Government, I request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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