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LETTER DATED 1 AUGUST 1980 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement issued  
by the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab  
Jamahiriya.

I would kindly request that this letter be circulated as a document of the  
Security Council.

(Signed) Awad S. BURWIN  
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Annex

Statement by the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of  
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (28 July 1980)

The United States of America, as though displeased to see Libya independent and non-aligned, still persists in taking hostile actions against the Libyan people, pursuing its attempts of terrorizing and provoking it. The best evidence to which is the terrorist group of 25 persons caught in Libya who were under instructions to commit murder, terror and subversive actions inside Libya and who were proven to have links with terrorist organizations.

The United States also continued its provocations against the Libyan people by the presence of its planes and warships in Libyan air space and territorial waters. The violations of Libyan air space and territorial waters, the reconnaissance through jamming, listening and photography operations have become daily routine in the military actions of the United States of America against the Libyan people and their land, together with the huge number of American planes and ships continuously present opposite the Libyan shores. Furthermore, the United States has escalated its aggressive and antagonistic statements against Libya to the extent of constituting an organized campaign led by the officials in Government and Congress. One of the numerous examples is what was contained in the report prepared by the Foreign Relations Committee in the House of Representatives and submitted to the American Congress.

This report claims that Libya is the major source of the military and political attempts aimed at undermining stability in the region. This can only demonstrate the intentions of the wide-ranging campaign, the aim of which is to deceive and mislead world public opinion and to create a climate for planned aggression against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and to further provide the false justifications for carrying out this aggression. This report is mere falsehood without any material support to sustain it. Also, the American-Egyptian co-ordination, the piling up of American arms in Egypt, the American-Egyptian military provocative manoeuvres along Libya's borders, the enormous masses of American planes and warships opposite Libyan shores and territorial waters and the concentration of American air forces in Egypt especially close to the Libyan borders and territorial waters. All of this constitutes the initial step for real aggression against the Libyan people. The best evidence of which is the statement by the United States Air Force Chief of Staff made on 14 February 1980.

More important aerial exercises will follow the joint air manoeuvres which will be conducted in Egypt next July.

It is not unlikely for B-52 bombers to take off in missions one day from Egyptian land.

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The more dangerous step against the Libyan people and against peace in the region is the coinciding of the Egyptian Government's declaration of a state of emergency along the Libyan borders in preparation for war, with the presence of American air force units in Egypt, especially along its borders with Libya. All of this constitutes an evidence of an aggression planned against the Libyan people in which the Egyptian Government assumes the role of the Trojan Horse. This planned aggression against our people, in which the Egyptian authorities apparently seem to be declaring a state of emergency and massing brigades along the Libyan border, is, in fact, planned for and supported, financed and encouraged by the United States of America. By this act, the United States is threatening peace and security in this region and creating new centres of tension in the world by making the Egyptian régime a medium for spreading instability and terror among the people of the region and disturbing their security. This régime has become an American instrument for aggression, carrying out the American aggressive plan against the people of Libya - a plan which is designed, financed and ordered by the United States of America. The Egyptian President has openly stated on more than one occasion that he is America's policeman and its long club in the African and Arab region. This he could not dare say unless the United States asked him to, a fact the whole world knows.

The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya wishes the Security Council, the international community and the non-aligned countries to bear their responsibility with regard to this dangerous situation in the region which the United States has created by its overt encouragement to the Egyptian régime for aggression and by the presence of its air forces in Egyptian lands which coincided with the Egyptian Government's declaration of a state of emergency along the borders of Libya, making it a declaration of war by one side that has no justification but the colonial desire to make Libya a subjugated colony and a satellite to super Powers. The Libyan people are not guilty of any offence except their love for freedom and unity and their commitment to them. So, why would a super Power declare hostilities against them and impose conditions that they do not want, putting them vis-à-vis a super Power - United States of America.

The time and effort of the entire Libyan people are devoted to building and achieving development. It wishes to live in peace, to participate with the smaller nations in working for international peace and security and to stress the role of the non-aligned countries in achieving these noble goals. It does not want this to interfere in the affairs of others, as well as it does not want others to interfere in its affairs.

As the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya submits these facts to the international community, it wishes the Council will shoulder its responsibility in accordance with Chapter VII of the Charter and will take the effective and necessary action to put an end to this aggression before it is too late. The Libyan people reserve their right of legitimate defence of itself and its achievements. It is also determined to repel aggression with all its might whatever the consequence may be for world peace, since the party responsible for this is the United States.

Enclosed you will find a list of the air-space violations and the American terror and spying missions over Libyan air space, which Libya will not allow to continue across its borders after informing the Security Council of this situation which constitutes an unacceptable provocation and a continuous terror and aggression.

Enclosure

Air-space violations and American terror and spying missions over the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

1975 - one violation on 18 October 1975

1977 - eight violations by American planes, seven of which occurred over the region north of Tripoli on:

1. 28 January 1977 at 1153
2. 11 April 1977 at 1053
3. 11 April 1977 at 0325
4. 18 April 1977 at 1111
5. 18 April 1977 at 1155
6. 18 April 1977 at
7. 18 April 1977 at 1204

- one violation occurred over the region north of Benghazi.

1978 - seven air-space violations as follows:

North of Tripoli:

1. 12 February 1978 at 0022
2. 11 March 1978 at 1544
3. 11 March 1978 at 1420
4. 11 March 1978 at 0907
5. 12 March 1978 at 0942

North of Tobruk:

1. 7 December 1978 at 0942
2. 7 December 1978 at 0955

1979 - six air-space violations:

North of Tripoli:

1. 3 February 1979 at 1818
2. 15 March 1979 at 1209
3. 12 June 1979 at 1240
4. 6 July 1979 at 1031
5. 19 July 1979 at 0835
6. 30 July 1979 at 1030

1980 up until June - 135 air-space violations as follows:

North of Tripoli - 103 violations  
North of Sert - 6 violations  
North of Benghazi - 26 violations

- Air-space violations north of Tripoli:

1. 19 February 1980 at 1205
2. 22 February 1980 at 1027
3. 24 February 1980 at 2325
4. 24 February 1980 at 0935
5. 25 February 1980 at 0829
6. 26 February 1980 at 0742
7. 2 March 1980 at 0845
8. 2 March 1980 at 0945

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