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LETTER DATED 17 OCTOBER 1980 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As you know, the Security Council is seized of a complaint by the Government of Malta against the Government of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. The Council held consultations and a formal meeting on 4 September 1980 on this question. At that meeting, the representative of Malta stated his Government's case and the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya requested a postponement of the consideration of the matter in order to study the Maltese statement carefully and to consult his Government.

Since that date, I have held consultations with the parties. With their agreement and in order further to assist in the search for a mutually acceptable solution, I intend to send a senior official of the Secretariat as my special representative to the countries concerned to discuss the question at issue with the two Governments.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM

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