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LETTER DATED 5 MARCH 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request you to circulate the enclosures as a document of
the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdulla Yaccoub BISHARA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

LETTER DATED 28 FEBRUARY 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT OBSERVER OF
THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose, for your information, a memorandum and appeal,
together with a number of clippings, received from Neturei Karta of Jerusalem.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI
Permanent Observer

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Enclosure I

NETUREL KARTA OF U.S.A.
(Guardians of the City)

G.P.O.B. 2143

Brooklyn, N.Y. 11202

26 February 1979

Mr. Z. Terzi
Palestine Liberation Org.
108 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Terzi,

Attached you will find the memorandum and appeal addressed to the Secretary-General. Please be so kind and have this circulated as an official document as soon as possible.

You will also find clippings and copies pertaining to this matter enclosed with this note.

Thanking you very much. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Yosef Becher

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Enclosure II

NETUREI KARTA OF U.S.A.
(Guardians of the City)

G.P.O.B. 2143

BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11202

26 February 1979

His Excellency
Dr. Kurt Waldheim
The Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, New York

Your Excellency,

We hereby submit to Your Excellency the following memorandum and appeal:

For seven consecutive sabbaths, beginning Saturday 13 January 1979 through this past Saturday, 24 February 1979, the defenceless sabbath-observing Jews of Jerusalem - men, women and children - have been beaten, arrested and chased by armed policemen reinforced by border policemen and dogs.

The bone of contention is the opening of a new six-lane highway linking Jerusalem with the new suburb of Ramot built on occupied territory. The road, running through no-man's land, enters the new city via its religious neighbourhoods, built within the pre-1967 border. The devout citizens of Jerusalem protest the superfluous and deliberately provocative desecration of the sabbath by standing alongside the road and shouting "sabbath!".

The highway is planned to extend even further, to the new international sports stadium Mayor Teddy Kollek is building on Mount Shuafat. The first digging has already begun there. It is clearly the intention of the Zionist régime to fully secularize and defile the unique character of the Holy City, disregarding completely the elementary human rights of Jerusalem's citizens. The Zionist police force, which is under the direct control of the Begin Government, has been placed at the disposal of Teddy Kollek and his vicious allies to launch attacks on religious neighbourhoods. Anyone who appears to be religious, regardless of his citizenship, is subject to merciless beatings. Innocent bystanders including American, English and Austrian citizens, old rabbis, pregnant women and children, have been hospitalized and jailed as a result of these wanton acts. Curfews are arbitrarily imposed, while police have on many occasions burst into synagogues indiscriminately and violently attacked Jews who were praying and studying.

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After seven consecutive weeks of terror it is clear that the Zionist régime is determined to abrogate the civil liberties and religious rights of the orthodox citizens of the Holy City of Jerusalem.

As citizens of Jerusalem, who have never accepted the annexation of the Holy City into the Zionist State, we implore Your Excellency to call upon the Zionist authorities to cease immediately the construction of this stadium and the highway, which can irrevocably change the innate character of Jerusalem, which is a holy city to all mankind; to deter the Zionist régime from its campaign of terror and intimidation against the religious community; and to enable them to enjoy the elementary human rights which they have had for hundreds of years, and which certainly antedate the establishment of the Zionist State in the Holy Land.

Please accept Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest esteem.

Rabbi Uri Blau
for Jerusalem Neturei Karta

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Appendix

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28 January 1979

RIOT SPARKED BY EGGED BUS

VIOLENCE IN MEA SHE'ARIM AS RAMOT ROAD TRUCE FAILS

By Abraham Rabinovich
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Stepped-up skirmishing on Jerusalem's Ramot road over the weekend culminated last night in a riot in the Mea She'arim quarter a kilometre away.

Ultra-religious demonstrators blocked narrow Mea She'arim Street by letting the air out of the tires of a bus. They threw stones and garbage at vehicles and police for several hours.

An unspecified number of people were reported injured in the clashes between demonstrators and police, and several were taken to Hadassah Hospital for treatment.

A religious leader said that the action was taken because an Egged bus had travelled on the new Ramot road during the Sabbath to bring secular demonstrators to that neighbourhood.

Egged, in a retaliatory act of its own, announced late last night that it would refuse to run buses through Mea She'arim today unless the police provide protection.

The routes cancelled for today were 2, 3, 11, 1, 12 and 27.

The violent weekend had been preceded by an attempt on Thursday night by religious and secular leaders in northern Jerusalem to arrive at an agreement. Rabbi Mordechai Krashinsky, representing the Kiryat Sanz Quarter, met in Ramot with leaders of the Ramot Neighbourhood Committee. The meeting, held in the apartment of committee chairman Yossi Dagan, ended at 3 a.m. with an agreement signed by both sides.

The Ramot leaders had pledged to avoid provocations such as driving in convoys, horn honking or deliberate travelling on the road back and forth. They also agreed to request residents voluntarily to refrain from travelling on the new road. Rabbi Krashinsky for his part agreed to see to it that no stones would be thrown at those cars which did use the new road.

The agreement, however, collapsed before the day was out. The Ramot neighbourhood leaders could hear the shouts of "shabbes" echoing up the hills from

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the southern end of the road two kilometres away, where hundreds of religious demonstrators had gathered at 3 p.m. Friday.

Little more than an hour later, a driver reaching Ramot said stones had been thrown at him. Dagan and two other committee members drove down in one car on the old road and approached the trouble area on foot. According to Dagan, they found religious demonstrators attempting to assemble on the new road in order to block it and police pushing them back. Dagan reported that dozens of stones were thrown at cars and police.

"We saw Rabbi Krashinsky trying to get them to move back from the road, but he apparently is not an authority with whom one can sign an agreement," Dagan said last night. "After what had happened, we regarded the agreement as nullified."

The trouble resumed yesterday at 2.30 p.m., when some 2,000 demonstrators, including many who had come from Mea She'arim and other distant religious neighbourhoods, resumed their vigil alongside the roadway. This time a convoy of 15 cars, each containing four men, descended from Ramot.

The Ramot residents took up positions across the road from the religious demonstrators and police intervened to prevent physical confrontation. Nevertheless, about half a dozen Ramot men crossed the road to pursue religious youths allegedly throwing stones from the bluff below Kiryat Sanz. The Ramot men were in turn pursued by police who caught up with them inside the religious neighbourhood before any blows could be struck.

Four people, three secular and one religious, were arrested during the weekend skirmishing along the road. It could not be determined last night how many were arrested in Mea She'arim.

Rabbi Krashinsky said last night that the agreement had collapsed because the pledge by the Ramot leaders to attempt to limit traffic was proven a farce with the onset of the Sabbath.

"There were cars on the road every minute", he said last night. "I don't know if they were Ramot residents or people from outside, but it was clearly provocative."

The rabbi denied that there had been any significant stone throwing. "There was certainly no organized stone throwing. I didn't see any stones being thrown."

He said that cars could be seen on Friday night and yesterday deliberately driving back and forth on the new road, some of them honking their horns.

"Our demonstration was an orderly one. We shouted 'shabbes' but kept our distance from the road." He accused the police of cruelly beating religious demonstrators while treating the secular demonstrators "with silk gloves".

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Dagan, in turn, accused the police of declining to disperse the religious demonstrators, while immediately trying to disperse the secular demonstrators.

In an apparent retaliatory measure against the orthodox sector, the Sabbath eruy around the city was cut near Ramot Friday. The eruy is a wire extending around the city so as to render it, religiously speaking, private property and thereby permitting orthodox persons to carry objects out-of-doors.
