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LETTER DATED 18 JUNE 1981 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRS A.I. OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison, I have the honour to communicate to Your Excellency the position of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya regarding the Zionist aggression against the Republic of Iraq on 7 June 1981, which is as follows:

The aggression carried out by the Zionist entity on 7 June 1981 against the Iraqi nuclear reactor was not an atypical act. It is in fact one of a series of aggressions carried out by this Zionist entity against the Palestinian people and the Arab Nation. This barbaric and terrorist act confirms the nature of the racist Zionist entity which is established on injustice and aggression. It is a blatant violation of all international covenants and laws, and a threat to international peace and security, and it has been condemned by the world community including those States which have consistently stood by the Zionist entity.

The United States, by its constant support for the Zionist entity in the economic, political, military and intelligence areas is directly responsible for the savage acts committed by this racist Zionist entity with the aim of eliminating the Palestinian people and terrorizing the Arab Nation.

The Zionist entity has not signed the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and furthermore it refuses to allow the International Atomic Energy Agency to inspect its nuclear facilities. Meanwhile, every evidence indicates that it already possesses nuclear weapons because of its co-operation with the United States and with the racist régime in South Africa.

Iraq, on the other hand, has signed the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and has allowed the International Atomic Energy Agency to inspect its nuclear facilities to guarantee their use for peaceful purposes. Both the International Atomic Energy Agency and France have confirmed that the Iraqi research reactor was not capable of making plutonium for nuclear weapons. Moreover, the United States officials have stated that they have not made any definite conclusions that the Iraqis were working toward a nuclear weapons capability. The destruction of the Iraqi nuclear facilities is, therefore, a racist act aimed at depriving Iraq and the Arab Nation of obtaining the nuclear technology necessary for development. The

United Nations through its resolutions, has affirmed more than once the right of all nations to obtain nuclear technology for its application in promoting their economic and social development programmes. Among these are resolution no. 32/50 for 1977: "Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy for Economic and Social Development", and resolution no. 35/56 for 1980: "International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade".

It is noticed that the statements made by the Zionist officials indicate that the destruction of the Iraqi nuclear reactor will not be the last one and that the Zionist entity will repeat this act against any other state whenever it wishes, thus confirming its persistence in violating the Charter of the United Nations and its mockery of the International Community.

The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya consequently believes that if the Security Council genuinely wishes to shoulder its responsibilities in maintaining international peace and security it has to take the following measures:

1. Taking effective measures against the Zionist entity in accordance with Chapter Seven of the United Nations Charter.
2. Application of Article Six in Chapter Two of the Charter.
3. Calling upon all States, and particularly the United States, to cease providing any assistance to the Zionist entity.
4. Condemnation of the Zionist entity.

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

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Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

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