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LETTER DATED 4 FEBRUARY 1977 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I., OF
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF GUINEA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the message of His Excellency Ahmed Sékou Touré, President of the Republic of Guinea, with regard to the convening of the Security Council to consider the complaint of the People's Republic of Benin.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea takes this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of its deepest respect and to express its grave concern at the aggression committed against the fraternal people of Benin.

(Signed) Abraham DOUKOURE
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i., of the
Permanent Mission of Guinea to
the United Nations

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Annex

Message from His Excellency Ahmed Sékou Touré, President of the
Republic of Guinea, addressed to the President of the Security
Council

I have the honour to inform you that we have learned through the mass media of the attempt by some members of the Security Council to refer to OAU the complaint from the People's Republic of Benin concerning the barbarous aggression to which the people of Benin were subjected on 16 January 1977. At a time when our Organization's role in strengthening international peace and security is more essential than ever, it is regrettable to find an indication of trends contrary to that goal. The Government of the Republic of Guinea, as a State Member of the United Nations resolutely committed to the struggle to eliminate all mercenary practices in Africa, would be grateful if you would exercise your prerogatives under the Charter and the rules of procedure of the Security Council to call an immediate meeting of that organ. In view of your tireless and distinguished efforts to promote peace and co-operation between States on the basis of equality, the Government of the Republic of Guinea is convinced that you will once again employ all your authority to ensure the triumph of legality.

Accept, Sir, etc.
