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OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letter of this afternoon, I wish, on instructions from my Government, to inform you of the brutal rocket attack on the town of Kiryat Shmonah in the north of Israel which took place early this morning and resulted in the death of an elderly man, and the wounding of five persons including a child of ten, who was seriously injured.

The attack was launched from across the Lebanese border with Soviet-made Katyusha rockets. At least six shells were fired. However, because of the town's long history of attacks and bombardment by terrorist groups operating across Israel's northern border, many residents were sleeping in shelters and thus escaped injury in this morning's rocket attack.

In the course of the day a spokesman for the terrorist organization calling itself the PLO took responsibility for this outrage. Moreover, a spokesman for the so-called Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which is a constituent of the PLO, said that terrorist operations which have increased over the last few months will continue.

In my earlier letter to you today, I indicated that since the beginning of November of this year, the terrorist PLO has perpetrated 14 outrages and attempted outrages. Besides this morning's atrocity in Kiryat Shmonah, the details are as follows:

- (a) 5 November 1978, an explosive device blew up in a Tel Aviv bus station.
- (b) 14 November 1978, an explosive device blew up in the East Talpiot residential district of Jerusalem.
- (c) 19 November 1978, an explosive device blew up in Jaffa.
- (d) 19 November 1978, another such device exploded in a bus on the Jerusalem-Jericho highway killing 4 and wounding 28.
- (e) 19 November 1978, an explosive device was found and dismantled in the centre of Jerusalem.

(f) 28 November 1978, an explosive device was found and dismantled in Jerusalem.

(g) 3 December 1978, an explosive device was discovered and dismantled at a gas station in Netanya.

(h) 10 December 1978, a rocket-launcher was discovered in Jerusalem.

(i) 17 December 1978, an explosive device blew up a bus in Jerusalem, wounding 20.

(j) 18 December 1978, an explosive device exploded in the Ramot district of Jerusalem.

(k) 19 December 1978, an explosive device was discovered on a bus in the Gaza Strip.

(l) 20 December 1978, an explosive device blew up in the Old City of Jerusalem, wounding 6.

(m) 20 December 1978, an explosive device exploded outside Herod's Gate, wounding 3.

I wish to reiterate that in the light of the terrorist PLO's murderous record, the Government of Israel is duty bound to take all measures necessary to protect the lives and safety of its citizens.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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