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LETTER DATED 4 FEBRUARY 1976 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that a serious incident occurred today, on 4 February, at the post of Loyada situated on the frontier between the French Territory of the Afars and the Issas and the Somali Republic.

The French forces which were engaged in freeing a bus in which 31 children were being held hostage were fired on by heavy weapons from the Somali territory. They were obliged to react in order to protect themselves and the children.

On the instructions of my Government, I request you to convene a meeting of the Security Council as a matter of extreme urgency for the purpose of considering this serious incident.

(Signed) L. de GUIRINGAUD

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