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Letter dated 31 July 1981 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to
the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the act of vandalism perpetrated by a group of people of unknown identity against the Permanent Mission of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on Thursday, 30 July 1981, I wish to state that I noticed an alarming equivocation and apathy on the part of the American security authorities in protecting the premises and members of the Mission against the act of vandalism, in spite of the immediate request made by one of the Mission's diplomats to the security authorities to remove the intruders from the premises of the Mission.

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is fully convinced that those authorities could have prevented this act of sheer vandalism before its actual occurrence. The rallying of such a large number of vandals in front of the Mission's premises could not have possibly escaped the attention of the American security authorities. However, it is quite obvious that the American authorities had a pre-arranged plan to facilitate the vandal's mission by exploiting this act to bolster the hostile campaign waged by American mass media against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya aimed at distorting its principal political position and the reputation of the Libyan revolution's leadership. This has become obvious from the slackness and equivocation demonstrated by the American security authorities in taking immediate and effective measures to protect both the premises and the members of the Mission. This attitude on the part of the American authorities is a blatant violation of the United Nations Charter and the provisions of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. ^{1/} This kind of attitude is bound to minimize confidence in New York City to be the site for the United Nations, and reaffirms the United States negligence in its responsibility as a host country.

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^{1/} United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 500, No. 7310, p. 95.

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The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya wishes to register a strong protest against the collusion of the American authorities with the perpetrators of this act of vandalism.

I should be grateful, Excellency, if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 123 of the provisional agenda, and brought to the attention of the Committee on relations with the Host Country.

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