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LETTER DATED 25 AUGUST 1981 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I. OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA ADDRESSED TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter addressed to Your Excellency from Mr. Abdulati Al-Obeidi, Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison, concerning the American blatant acts of aggression against the sovereignty and security of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

I would like to request, Your Excellency, that the aforementioned letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Awad S. BURWIN  
Minister Plenipotentiary  
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

Annex

Letter from the Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau  
for Foreign Liaison addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to my letter dated 20 August 1981 (S/14636) concerning the American blatant acts of aggression against the sovereignty and security of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison wishes, in this respect, to draw attention to the open admissions made by President Ronald Reagan during his visit to the aircraft carrier Constellation on 20 August 1981 off the coast of California in which he admitted to have personally ordered the American Sixth Fleet to carry out these provocative and terrorist manoeuvres within Libya's territorial waters. He also admitted openly that he had issued orders to the units of the American Sixth Fleet to open fire on the two Libyan aircraft on Wednesday, 19 August 1981 while they were conducting routine surveillance operations within Libya's territorial waters and air space.

Through his statements, President Reagan has revealed that the aggression was premeditated and that by means of these military manoeuvres the American administration was seeking to impart legitimacy to its infringement upon the rights of others.

President Reagan said that he had reviewed the plan for the manoeuvres of the Sixth Fleet and approved it because they were to be carried out in what he claimed to be international waters. He also said the American Navy was fully aware of Libya's claim to the Gulf of Sert prior to starting the manoeuvres.

It becomes clear from President Reagan's statement that the United States was well aware of its actions against the Libyan Arab People and against the territorial integrity of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and that it clearly aimed at exhibiting its challenge and determination to commit this act of aggression, thus violating the United Nations Charter and the principles of International Law.

The wanton aggression committed against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the statements issued prior to this aggression, and the aforementioned official declarations reveal to world opinion the blatant terrorist practices pursued by the American administration in order to impose its hegemony over countries struggling for their freedom and independence, and indicate clearly that the aggression itself was premeditated and that the United States is still harboring aggressive intentions towards the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Accordingly, in view of the malicious and aggressive behaviour demonstrated by the Government of the United States of America which is a permanent member of the Security Council, that should have been making efforts to maintain international security and peace in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Charter and according to the dictates of its own international obligation, the Socialist

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People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya reserves its full right to take the necessary measures at the appropriate time in order to safeguard its sovereignty and security against any aggression and its right to ask the Security Council to convene in case the American administration continues in escalating its aggression.

The People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison wishes to draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to this dangerous situation which threatens international peace and security.

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

(Signed) Abdulati AL-OBEIDI  
Secretary of the People's Committee of  
the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison

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