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Letter dated 3 February 1982 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

I have the honour to transmit herewith 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 of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

I would kindly request that the text of this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", and of the Security Council.

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

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Letter from the Secretary of the People's Committee of
the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison of the
Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
addressed to the Secretary-General

In continuation of the American escalated provocative acts against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, two American F-14 jet fighters intercepted a commercial plane (Boeing 727), identification code no. 5 ADIF, belonging to the Libyan Arab Airlines on its regular flight no. LN 152 from Tripoli to Athens, on 31 January 1982 at 14:22 GMT.

The two American fighters carried on acrobatic provocative maneuvers against the Libyan commercial plane; following it over a distance of seven miles and then landed on an American carrier.

This incident occurred in the international airspace within the Greek Aviation Information Area, thirty miles to the southwest of the Greek island of Paleo Hora, penetrating the international air route known as "B-1". The pilot of the Libyan plane notified the Greek air traffic control tower of that incident and was told by the Tower that they had registered the two jet fighters at the area where the interception took place.

The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya considers this act as an act of aggression against it and against the safety of civil aviation, a matter which contradicts with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law.

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This act, furthermore, constitutes a violation of the principles and spirit of international pacts regarding the safety of civil aviation, including the Chicago Convention, and it creates difficulties for air traffic in the zone, whether over international or national airspace and jeopardizes both Libyan and international airflights.

The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya has, on several similar occasions, notified the Security Council of the unceasing American provocations which constitutes a threat to the peace and security of the Mediterranean countries and a menace which is bound to obstruct the overseas air routes in the region.

The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in bringing these facts to the attention of the Security Council hopes thereby that the Council will exercise the authorities entrusted to it to ensure international peace and security in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Abdulati Al-Obeidi
Secretary of the People's Committee
of the People's Bureau for
Foreign Liaison
