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LETTER DATED 3 AUGUST 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
JORDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 3 August 1982 from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations. I should be grateful if you could circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH
Permanent Representative of Jordan
to the United Nations

Annex

Letter dated 3 August 1982 from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am instructed by Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, relevant to Security Council resolution 516 (1982), pursuant to our letter of 2 August 1982, to bring to your most immediate attention the continuing Israeli aggression that threatens the already serious and ever escalating situation.

As of 2400 Beirut local time, 2 August 1982, Israeli shelling of the southern district of Beirut with heavy machine-guns, tank artillery and mortar fire had not stopped. Further, their advance into Hai al-Sillum, adjacent to the airport, was continuing. Strong indications point to a probable renewed military initiative, as the Israelis are massing their forces along the airport axis and the nearby axes of Tayouneh, Museum, and Ouzai.

Since 9 a.m. today, 3 August, the Israeli invading forces have resumed their intermittent shelling of the regions of Ouzai, Jnah and Burj al-Barajneh in Beirut's southern suburbs from tank guns positioned along the airport's western runway. Israeli forces were also observed moving their military vehicles in the airport area to occupy stable positions.

Around 3.30 p.m., the Israelis initiated an intensive preparatory bombardment for an assault; then they advanced along the Ouzai axis. Our defiant defenders were able to successfully defeat the Israeli advance and force them back to their starting positions.

With renewed urgency, we impress upon the Security Council of the United Nations to assume its peace-keeping responsibilities.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI
Permanent Observer
