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LETTER DATED 18 SEPTEMBER 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 18 September 1982 from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations addressed to your Excellency.

I would 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 18 September 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, to transmit the following:

"A massacre of innocent, helpless Palestinian civilians is in progress inside the Palestinian refugee camps and other parts of Beirut.

"The fascist Israeli army surrounded the camps and imposed curfews, and rounded up thousands of civilians. Fascist Israeli troops facilitated the entry of their agents into the refugee camps to round up Palestinian civilians -- a large number of those rounded up were massacred. The crime that is being committed, and the criminals that are being enabled to do so are under the protection of the fascist Israelis.

"This has been reported by the Israeli Radio as well as by news agencies and by the United Nations Observers in Beirut.

"The Palestine Liberation Organization holds Israel primarily responsible for this crime. Equally responsible is the Government of the United States who gave guaranteed safeguards to the civilian populations. The other participants in the multi-national force, France and Italy, have joined in the same undertaking and have assumed a responsibility. The Palestine Liberation Organization did place its trust and confidence in them and their guarantees.

"The United Nations, and in particular, the Security Council is called upon immediately to assume its responsibility and despatch an international military force to provide protection to the Palestinians in Beirut and other parts of Lebanon."

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI
Permanent Observer
