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Letter dated 20 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the enclosed message addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Marwan Kasim, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

I request, Excellency, that this message be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 34 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan
to the Secretary-General

The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan expressed its deep indignation, disgust and dismay at the appalling and heinous massacre of Palestinian civilians, women and children in Beirut.

This mass murder of innocent civilian population is only a series in Israel's tactics and methods, beginning with Deir Yasin, Qibiya and now Beirut. Israel's scare tactics arising from murder of peaceful people is once again employed in Lebanon in order to intimidate and disperse the Palestinians, as it has done previously in Palestine, and to put into effect its own plan and design aiming at the prevention of national reconciliation and the restoration of a stable Lebanon.

Israel is cultivating the state of chaos, destruction and fear it created, in order to rationalize its continued occupation of Lebanon and victimizing the Lebanese and the Palestinians there.

In declaring national mourning over these atrocities and crimes against humanity, the Government of Jordan invites the world community to shed their indifference and join responsibly to stop these horrendous crimes as they had courageously done decades ago.

Marwan KASIM
Minister for Foreign
Affairs of the Hashemite
Kingdom of Jordan
