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LETTER DATED 25 FEBRUARY 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith the text, in Arabic, of a message from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt to your Excellency concerning the position of the Egyptian Government on the latest developments along the Libyan/Sudanese borders.

I would be grateful if the enclosed message could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ahmed T. KHALIL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Message from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of
of Foreign Affairs of Egypt addressed to the President
of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

1. The Egyptian Government requested the AWACS aircraft in the context of the training of the Egyptian armed forces. This was not the first time, and it will not be the last.
2. During the presence of the aircraft, the Sudan notified us that there were Libyan movements and concentrations at the Al-Kufrah airfield, as part of a plan for acts of violence within the Sudan aimed at the overthrow of the régime.
3. As a result of that and in view of the presence of these aircraft, we sent them to carry out reconnaissance over the Sudanese-Libyan frontier. We established that Libya had introduced some of its aircraft into Egyptian airspace, and we therefore contacted the responsible Libyan authorities by telephone and requested them to desist from continued violation of our frontiers, so that we should not be obliged to take measures against the invading aircraft. The Libyan aircraft did, indeed, desist.
4. We complied with the Sudan's request in accordance with the Joint Defence Treaty concluded between Egypt and the Sudan, which provides for assistance between the two countries in the event of the presence of an external threat or of aggression against either.
