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Letter dated 3 September 1974 from the Permanent Representative of
the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, and with reference to my letter of 16 August 1974 (A/9675-S/11454), and the letter addressed to Your Excellency by the Permanent Representative of Israel on 19 August 1974 (A/9677-S/11460), concerning the apprehension of Mr. Hayel Abou Saleh by the Israeli forces in the area of Majdal Shams village, I have the honour to draw your attention to the following.

Mr. Abou Saleh did not cross Alpha line because of the presence of his parent on Alpha line, "coming from Majdal Shams"; they were all driven by emotions, stepped towards each other and met in the area of separation.

Again, in order to avoid any kind of complications, I should be grateful if Your Excellency would immediately intervene in order to have Abou Saleh released as soon as possible.

I would like to indicate here that the above-mentioned facts have been addressed to General Ericeno by a letter dated 22 August from the head of the Syrian Party to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

(Signed) Haissam KELANI
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Permanent Representative of the
Syrian Arab Republic to the
United Nations