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Letter dated 3 November 1973 from the Permanent Representative of  
Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention that the Egyptian military spokesman issued a statement today, 3 November 1973, informing that the international news media has circulated today a statement by the official spokesman of the Israeli Defence Army, Colonel Tekhman Kardy, alleging that heavy fighting has taken place by artillery and various weapons in the sector of the Egyptian Third Army, and that this Army has succeeded in establishing a bridgehead on the Suez Canal linking its troops on both sides of the Canal. The Israeli spokesman claimed further that the troops of the Third Army have advanced into the depth of Sinai to improve their positions and to construct new trenches and fortifications. He also stated that the Egyptian troops have concentrated their operations in the region of the "Gedye" pass, and that the Third Army does not endure any shortages in supply provisions.

In the face of these allegations, the Egyptian military spokesman drew attention to the following:

1. It has been observed during the last few days that Israel insists upon inventing visionary battles which have not taken place, especially with the troops of the Third Army.
2. The Israeli allegations are remarkably inconsistent, since at the same time as they assert that the troops of the Third Army are besieged, they claim that these very troops are launching military operations in various sectors towards the east and towards the west.
3. All evidences indicate that these Israeli allegations are but a ring in a composite chain of attempts which seek pretexts to violate the cease-fire with a view to launching extensive military operations.

4. It was Israel which has violated today, 3 November 1973, the cease-fire four times by artillery and air attacks. The United Nations Truce Supervision Organization has been informed of these violations on each of the four times upon their occurrence.

The Egyptian military spokesman, while reaffirming Egypt's commitment to observe the cease-fire decision of the Security Council, has also asserted that the Egyptian troops are standing ready to repel and deter any Israeli aggression.

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

(Signed) Dr. A. Esmat ABDEL MEGUID  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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