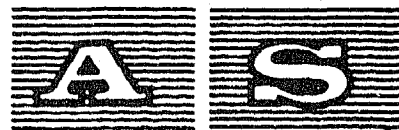


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Letter dated 8 November 1973 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter addressed to you on 3 November 1973 by the Permanent Representative of Egypt (A/9283-S/11077) and to state the following:

The letter of the Permanent Representative of Egypt falsely attributes certain statements to Colonel Nahman Karni, and then purports to "disprove" its own fabrications.

In accordance with its usual practice, Egypt tries, by means of deliberate falsifications, to divert attention from its daily violations of the cease-fire and from its attempts to improve its lines and find openings in the ring encircling its Third Army. Israel has been regularly submitting protests against all such violations.

What Colonel Karni in fact said in his statement of 3 November, is set out in my letters to you of the same date (A/9279-S/11073, A/9282-S/11076).

None of the statements which the Egyptian military spokesman attributes to Colonel Karni were made by him. They are all blatant lies. For example, no "heavy fighting" took place in "the sector of the Egyptian Third Army". The Egyptians did not succeed "in establishing a bridgehead". In fact, the bridge they did throw across the Canal was destroyed immediately. It is equally a lie that the Third Army had advanced and fortified its positions. The same applies to all the other statements falsely attributed to Colonel Karni in the letter under reply.

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

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations