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LETTER DATED 6 SEPTEMBER 1974 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions of my Government I have the honour to refer to the letters addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic on 3 September 1974 (A/9678-S/11482 and A/9679-S/11483).

The allegation contained in the first letter that Syrian farmers were subjected to Israeli fire has no foundation in fact. The second letter refers again to Abou Saleh, but fails to point out that he is a Sergeant-Major in the Syrian Army who had crossed the separation line A, and was captured on the Israeli side, approximately 500 meters from the said line, as explained in my letter of 19 August 1974 (A/9677-S/11460).

There is no doubt that the above-mentioned Syrian letters, filled with groundless charges, are like those which preceded them in the past, mere attempts to cover up Syria's increasing grave violations of the Agreement on Disengagement between Israeli and Syrian Forces, and in particular the maintenance of arms above those permitted in the Agreement and incursions by Syrian troops into the area of separation including acts which modify the status quo in this area. Detailed complaints regarding all these Syrian violations have been submitted by Israel to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force.

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

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

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