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Letter dated 20 November 1973 from the Permanent Representative  
of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 19 November 1973 (A/9327-S/11119), I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention to further violations of the Geneva Conventions 1/ being committed on an active and large scale by the Israeli forces of occupation after and in spite of the cease-fire. For several days now the Israeli forces of occupation have been engaging in operations of systematic pillage of crops, the contents of stores and houses in the occupied territories, using military means of transportation before the very eyes of the United Nations observers. The entire village of Jubbatta-Al-Khashab has been plundered, and from there, pillage spread to other villages and may involve the whole of the occupied territories. The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic is duty-bound fully to reserve its rights for claims and indemnification for the pillaged crops and properties.

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

(Signed) Haissam KELANI  
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the Syrian  
Arab Republic to the United Nations

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