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LETTER DATED 1 DECEMBER 1973 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF DEMOCRATIC YEMEN
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your Excellency's attention the fact that units of the Seventh Fleet of the United States Navy are now stationed in the Arabian Sea near Bab-el-Mandab.

The Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen considers that this American naval deployment, not far from Bab-el-Mandab, is an act of military provocation which endangers the peace and security of all the Arab peoples in the area. While the United States Government fraudulently advocates peace in the Middle East, its military forces are now being engaged in undermining and threatening the stability and security of the Arab peoples.

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

(Signed) Abdalla S. ASHTAL
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Permanent Representative
to the United Nations