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LETTER DATED 14 OCTOBER 1973 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you, in connexion with the recent bombing by Israeli planes of civilian areas in the Nile Delta towns, that Israeli planes have used high-explosive bombs weighing 500 to 1,000 pounds. In addition, they used the deadliest weapons against individuals, the American-made GAB multiple bombs. Each multiple bomb has a number of small, round bombs, each of which contains iron balls, apart from the explosive material. When the multiple bomb explodes the iron balls spread over a wide area, hitting any person in the way, and in most cases resulting in his death.

The description of these bombs is as follows:

Kind: Anti personnel multiple bomb.

Specifications: Aluminium Cylinder.

Length: 210 centimetres

Package: 500 to 640 bombs, each bomb
containing small balls totalling from
154,000 to 192,000

Weight of each inner bomb: 430 grammes

High explosive material: 100 grammes

Content: 280 to 300 balls

Diameter of ball: 5.56 millimetres

Force: Killing distance 5 to 10 metres

Density of bombs inside multiple bomb: One
bomb for every two to five metres.

The danger of explosion continues a long time as some of these bombs are equipped with delayed action mechanism, so that explosions hit more people and those trying to defuse them.

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

(Signed) A. Esmat ABDEL MEGUID
Ambassador
Permanent Representative