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Note verbale dated 16 December 1971 from the Permanent
Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General*

The Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and under instructions of his Government wishes to bring to the attention of the Secretary-General certain deplorable aspects of India's present aggression against Pakistan.

The Indian Air Force has resorted to systematic and deliberate bombing of civilian targets in Pakistan, particularly in the Lahore area. On 14 December 1971 four 500-pound bombs were dropped over civilian areas in Cotlakhpat, a suburb of Lahore. Twenty-five civilians, including 15 children, were killed in this raid and another 28 were seriously injured. Next day, the Indian Air Force dropped 11 500-pound bombs and four 1,000-pound bombs over Misrishah in the heart of Lahore. Fifty-four dead bodies were recovered and more are still being unearthed from under the debris. A total of 125 people received serious injuries in the bombing of Misrishah. Among the people killed and injured are several children from a boys' school situated in the locality.

The Permanent Representative of Pakistan requests that this be circulated as a document of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

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