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LETTER DATED 28 JANUARY 1971 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1. Under instructions from the Government of India, I have the honour to draw your attention to the letter dated 21 January 1971 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations.<sup>1/</sup>
2. The State of Jammu and Kashmir became an integral part of India by virtue of its accession to India in 1947. All the arguments and issues raised by the Permanent Representative of Pakistan in his letter concern matters which are entirely within the domestic jurisdiction of India and the Government of India have made it clear, both to Pakistan and to the Security Council, that it will not discuss such questions with any other country or in the United Nations.
3. The letter from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan falls into the pattern of Pakistan Government's efforts to cloud the fact of its aggression in Jammu and Kashmir and to annex this Indian territory by force. Pakistan has twice committed aggression against India in pursuance of this policy and has also resorted to infiltration, subversion and other disruptionist activities against India at different times in spite of its commitment under the Tashkent Declaration not to do so. Recent events have once more brought to light that Pakistan was involved in directing sabotage, espionage and other activities in Jammu and Kashmir with a view to realizing its aggressive designs on Kashmir. The Government of India have taken and will continue to take measures against organizations and persons who seek to subvert the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India and I have particularly been instructed by my Government to make it clear that India cannot accept that Pakistan has any right whatsoever to question such action by my Government.

<sup>1/</sup> S/10084.

4. The outstanding issue in Kashmir between India and Pakistan is concerning the question of Pakistan's illegal and forcible occupation of a part of this Indian state. The Government of India have expressed their readiness to discuss this question between the two countries peacefully and bilaterally and the Government of India hope that Pakistan will adopt a co-operative and peaceful approach in regard to the outstanding Kashmir issue rather than interfere in India's internal affairs and thereby spoil Indo-Pakistan relations.

5. I should be grateful if you would kindly have the text of this communication circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) S. SEN

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