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LETTER DATED 24 SEPTEMBER 1970 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I should be grateful if you would have the attached statement by the USSR  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the events in Jordan circulated as an official  
Security Council document.

(Signed) A. MALIK  
Permanent Representative of the  
USSR to the United Nations

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR

The following statement has been issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: In connexion with the armed clashes in Jordan between units of the Jordanian Army and Palestinian detachments, the USSR Embassy in Amman, and also the USSR Embassies in Damascus and Baghdad, have established contact, on the instructions of the Soviet Government, with leading statesmen in Jordan, and in Syria and Iraq correspondingly. On these occasions, the firm conviction was expressed, on the Soviet side, that everything should be done to bring to a halt, with all speed, the fratricidal struggle which has broken out in Jordan and which can only serve the forces not interested in establishing lasting peace in the Middle East.

Permanent contact is being maintained with President Nasser, of the United Arab Republic, on all questions relating to the events in Jordan.

In view of the growing concentration of the forces of the United States Sixth Fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean area, as well as of other warlike preparations by the USA in that area, the Soviet Government, through the USSR Embassy in Washington, has drawn the attention of the United States Government to the need for all States to display circumspection in their actions in connexion with the complex situation which has developed in the Middle East, and to the fact that any intervention from outside in the events taking place in Jordan would still further aggravate the situation in the Middle East, and the international situation in general. It was also stressed that the United States Government could furthermore use its influence on the Israeli Government by urging that Israel make no attempt to exploit the events in Jordan for its aggressive aims.

The United Kingdom Government was apprised of the Soviet viewpoint on the current events through the USSR Embassy in London. In that connexion, the hope was expressed that the United Kingdom, for its part, would not permit intervention in the internal affairs of the countries of that region.

Contact was made with the French Government through diplomatic channels, with a view to an exchange of opinions and information on the current events and the steps taken by both the Soviet and the French sides.

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The USSR Mission to the United Nations is maintaining similar contact with the United Nations Secretary-General and the Missions of a number of States members of the Security Council.

The necessary steps will continue to be taken to help bring the conflict in Jordan to a halt and to prevent intervention by external forces in this conflict.

Moscow, 23 September 1970

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