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LETTER DATED 8 JULY 1970 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SENEGAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

On 4 July 1970 two Portuguese aircraft violated Senegalese air space.

On 6 July Portuguese soldiers bombed the three Senegalese villages of Sarré Sory, Piring and Sarré Nafa. Serious damage was caused in these villages. At Sarré Sory, ninety-two huts and thirty granaries were burned, and 150 sheep and two donkeys were taken by Portuguese soldiers.

At Piring, 150 huts and seventy-two granaries were burned, and fifty-nine sheep and one ox were taken.

At Sarré Nafa, six huts were destroyed.

Recently, on 22 June 1970, units of Portuguese regulars attacked the village of Sarré Samba Djael, in the Department of Vélingara, while the special group of experts of the Commission on Human Rights was in the Casamance area to conduct an investigation, inter alia, of grave manifestations of Portuguese colonialism.

In view of the repeated provocations by Portugal and the deliberate violations of Senegalese territory, causing an increasing loss of human life, as also the insecurity in which the inhabitants of the Casamance area are living, my Government is obliged once again to inform the Security Council of these new developments.

I reserve the right to communicate to you subsequently the list of victims of these actions by the Portuguese, and I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Ibrahima FOYE
Permanent Representative of
the Republic of Senegal