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LETTER DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1968 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED ARAB  
REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 31 January 1968 with reference to the treatment of Arab civilians in areas now occupied by the armed forces of Israel.

In accordance with your request, your letter has been circulated to the General Assembly<sup>1/</sup> and the Security Council<sup>2/</sup> and has thus been brought to the attention of all the Members of the United Nations. This reply will be similarly circulated.

The additional information which your Government has provided in response to my letter of 19 January 1968 will be of assistance to me in the consideration of this very serious and difficult question in the light of my responsibilities under Security Council resolution 237 (1967) of 14 June 1967. I have it in mind to consult with the representatives of all of the Governments concerned regarding the vital humanitarian questions raised in your letters on this subject.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) U THANT  
Secretary-General

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<sup>1/</sup> A/7048.

<sup>2/</sup> S/8373.