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LETTER DATED 15 APRIL 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 arrange for the circulation of the
enclosures to this letter as official documents of the Security Council. They
contain the following protest against the barbarous bombing by the Israeli air
force of a primary school near Cairo (United Arab Republic), which killed many of
the children:

(1) Statement by the Soviet Committee of Solidarity with Asian and African
Countries concerning the new crime by the Israeli aggressors against a peaceful
population;

(2) Statement by the USSR Union of Journalists concerning the new act of
Israeli aggression;

(3) Copy of a cable from the Committee of Soviet Women and the USSR Academy
of Pedagogic Sciences, addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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

STATEMENT BY THE SOVIET COMMITTEE OF SOLIDARITY WITH ASIAN AND AFRICAN
COUNTRIES CONCERNING THE NEW CRIME BY THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS AGAINST A
PEACEFUL POPULATION

The whole world has been deeply shocked by the news from the small Egyptian village of Bahr El Bakar. The Israeli militarists cold-bloodedly destroyed a primary school by bombing. As a result of this barbarous raid by Israeli pilots flying aircraft made in the United States, dozens of school-children were killed and many were seriously wounded. This monstrous act is yet another in the series of crimes committed by the Israeli extremists.

The ruling circles in Israel, inspired by the imperialist Powers and by world Zionism, stubbornly refuse to implement the Security Council resolution of 22 November 1967, which is the basis for the restoration of a just peace in the Middle East. The rulers of Israel, blatantly ignoring the voice of the world community, are continuing their aggressive action against the Arab States and going on to still more inhuman misdeeds.

In an effort to crush the growing resistance of Arab patriots, the Israeli aggressors are employing tyranny and violence against the peaceful population of the captured Arab territories, covering these regions with a network of concentration camps and thus putting into practice a barbarous policy of genocide, which has been condemned by the whole of mankind.

The Soviet Committee of Solidarity with Asian and African Countries, expressing the anger and indignation of millions of Soviet people, holds up to shame the inhuman crimes of the Israeli extremists. The Soviet people demand an end to the aggressive acts and provocations of the Israeli militarists and immediate withdrawal of the occupying forces from the Arab territories.

We are deeply convinced that, whatever barbarous means the Israeli aggressors resort to, they will not succeed in breaking the will of the Arab peoples defending their liberty and independence. Sooner or later the aggressors will have to answer to the nations for their crimes.

Shame on the Israeli aggressors and those who inspire them.

Long live increasing solidarity between the Soviet and Arab nations!

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STATEMENT BY THE USSR UNION OF JOURNALISTS CONCERNING THE
NEW ACT OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION

The Israeli aggressors know no bounds. Quite recently the whole world community angrily condemned the barbarous bombing of a metallurgical factory in a Cairo suburb, which killed many workers. And now comes a new misdeed - the bombing of a primary school at Bahr El Bakar, an act of cold-blooded and calculating violence against children sitting at their school desks, seventy-seven of whom were killed or wounded.

This crime of the Israeli aggressors cannot go unpunished. They must receive the punishment they deserve. The journalists of the Soviet Union demand the immediate cessation of the barbarous attacks by Israel on the peaceful inhabitants of the Arab countries. Shame on the barbarians of Tel-Aviv and their accomplices who provide them with "phantoms", who unstintingly supply them with money, who in every way oppose a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

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To U Thant,
Secretary-General of the United Nations

The Committee of Soviet Women and the USSR Academy of Pedagogic Sciences express indignation and concern at the new misdeeds of the Israeli aggressors - the barbarous bombing of the school at Bahr El Bakar. Thirty children died and thirty-six were wounded. At all times and in the cruellest wars, the murder of children has been considered the severest crime of all. The Israeli militarists, like the followers of Hitler, had no consideration for the most sacred feelings of men and the precepts of international law. They have perpetrated a new act of cruelty, tyranny and lawlessness which testifies to the aggressive imperialist spirit of Tel-Aviv.

The intensification of raids by the Israeli air force over the territory of the Arab countries, and especially the United Arab Republic, is the direct result of the policy of imperialist circles and above all the United States of America of making arms readily available to the Israeli militarists.

This bloody crime was committed from aircraft made in the United States. The United Nations has more than once condemned the aggressive actions of Israel but the Israeli rulers are blatantly violating the Security Council resolution of 22 November 1967, which required the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the occupied Arab territories and was aimed at establishing peace in the Middle East. Following the failure to comply with this resolution and the continuation of the aggressive acts, the Israeli rulers are killing women and children, completely innocent people. The Soviet people demand that an end be put to the barbarous acts of the rulers of Israel and their protectors.

We request that our protest against the monstrous crime of the Israeli militarists and the murder of children be brought to the notice of the Members of the United Nations. We express the hope that effective measures will finally be taken to implement the Security Council resolution of 22 November 1967, in view of the terrible consequences resulting from the failure to do so.

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