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LETTER DATED 17 APRIL 1970 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the letter addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on 15 April (S/9756), circulating a number of statements by certain organizations in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, I have the honour on instructions of my Government to request you to be good enough to circulate the following.

The Soviet Representative's letter is another transparent attempt to come to the aid of the propaganda services of the United Arab Republic, which have been unable to disprove that the target of the air action on 8 April 1970 was a military objective in an area in which the United Arab Republic proclaimed war of attrition is taking place or to explain why youths were within the perimeters of military compounds, but have had to have recourse to subterfuges.

The prime responsibility for the losses sustained by both sides rests with the United Arab Republic, which has voided the cease-fire and has initiated and pursues the war of attrition. The unreserved support given by the Soviet Union to the United Arab Republic places upon the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics very heavy responsibility for the continuation of the belligerency. While the Soviet Union sheds crocodile tears over Egyptian victims of President Nasser's war of attrition, it passes in silence over and encourages the Arab terror warfare being conducted openly with Soviet-made weapons against the civilian population of Israel.

The various statements which the Soviet Representative attached to his letter originated with government-directed organizations. It is also a matter of common knowledge that public opinion in that country, which is entirely dependent upon

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whatever information the Government vouchsafes it, was deprived by the Soviet Government of any unbiased or objective reports on the incident of 8 April.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Yosef TEKOA  
Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations

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