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LETTER DATED 13 FEBRUARY 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF JORDAN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am instructed by my Government to bring to Your Excellency's attention the following in connexion with the letter of the Israeli Representative, of 12 February 1968 (document S/8395).

The allegations in this letter are completely false. They are intended to distort the facts about the constant Israeli violations of the cease-fire resolutions. Here are the facts:

On 11 February 1968 at 1005 hours local time the Israeli armed forces opened fire, using light and medium machine-guns on the Jordanian position in the vicinity of Al-Majame' Bridge.

At 1200 hours local time, of that same day, fire was resumed on that area. 106 mm guns were used.

At 1235 hours local time, the Israeli armed forces began shelling Al-Jumrock and Al-Mashroo' areas near the Al-Majame' Bridge. Fire was returned in self-defence. The shelling ceased at 1300. As a result of this deliberate and unprovoked attack, a Jordanian soldier was injured.

At 1400 hours local time, the Israeli armed forces resumed firing at the same area, using recoilless guns.

At 1500 hours they resumed fire using medium machine-guns.

At 1605 hours local time, the Israeli armed forces extended the range of their attack to the areas of King Hussein Bridge, Al-Mandasah, Damia, Muthalath Al-Ard, the area opposite the baptismal place and King Abdullah Bridge. Tanks and 106 mm guns were used.

At 1640 hours local time, firing ceased in the area of Al-Majame', while the exchange of fire continued in the other areas.

These facts, together with the past Israeli behaviour vis-à-vis the cease-fire and Jerusalem resolutions, refute unequivocally the unfounded allegations

put forward by the Israeli Representative in his letter of 12 February 1968, No. S/8395. The Israelis continue to challenge the United Nations authority and it would be unwarranted for the Security Council and its members to meet this challenge with inaction.

I request this letter to be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Muhammad H. EL-FARRA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
