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LETTER DATED 15 FEBRUARY 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ISRAEL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter of 11 February (S/8395), I have the honour to bring the following to your immediate attention.

At about 0100 hours this morning, local time, Jordanian forces opened light arms and mortar fire from the east bank of the River Jordan on the Israeli village of Kfar Ruppin and on Israeli units to the south of Kfar Ruppin. The Israeli forces returned fire and silenced the Jordanian attack.

At approximately 0235 hours, heavy artillery fire was opened by the Jordanians on the Israeli village of Maoz Chaim and again on Kfar Ruppin. Israeli forces returned fire with mortars.

The exchange of fire continued until 0315 hours.

At Kfar Ruppin about eighty hits were noted. The children's school and the electricity installation were severely damaged, as well as a number of dwelling houses in the village. There were no casualties since all the inhabitants went to the shelters when the shelling commenced.

At Maoz Chaim, where about seventy hits were recorded, damage included the clinic, the cowshed, the silo, and the milking station, as well as some livestock. Pieces of twenty-five-pound shells were found.

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

Please accept, etc.

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