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LETTER DATED 4 DECEMBER 1969 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALGERIA, IRAQ, JORDAN, KUWAIT, LEBANON, LIBYA, MOROCCO, SAUDI ARABIA, SOUTHERN YEMEN, THE SUDAN, SYRIA, TUNISIA, THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

We have the honour to bring to your attention the following grave violation to which a Permanent Mission to the United Nations was subject yesterday.

At 1.30 p.m., on Wednesday, 3 December 1969, about forty members of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Jewish Defense entered the premises of the Permanent Mission of Syria to the United Nations and staged a "sit-in" for one and a half hours. The policeman posted to guard the Syrian Mission called in other policemen to help him get them off the premises. This is the second time since October 1966 that the Syrian Mission has been subjected to such humiliation by American zionists. None of these zionists has been arrested. The zionist attackers threatened to occupy the premises of the Syrian Mission today after the march, which will form at 42nd Street and First Avenue at the Israeli Wall. And, in answer to a threat that the Mission should be closed today, Ambassador Tomeh affirmed that in no circumstances will the Syrian Mission to the United Nations be closed under any threat of occupation, and that the Mission is here to carry on its normal work during the General Assembly and after.

During this year and in the past, several Arab Missions to the United Nations and Arab offices have been subject to more violent acts, continuous threats of killing or kidnapping, threats to the lives of the Arab Ambassadors and the members of their families. This is to mention only a few instances of the

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continuous threats of intimidation to which our Missions and offices are being subjected.

We are sure that you, Sir, will certainly take into full consideration the gravity of this outrageous violation of immunities of diplomatic Missions accredited to the United Nations; under such circumstances, our work is rendered difficult - if not, indeed, at times impossible - by such continuous actions by gangsters and trouble-makers. The detective, Mr. Walter Kirby, who was at the Syrian Mission when the Permanent Representative of Syria arrived, stated to him that some of those who staged the occupation yesterday at the Syrian Mission were familiar and could possibly be the same ones who had participated in similar previous actions against Arab Missions and offices and that they might be among the marchers today.

Is it not high time that the American authorities should take the necessary steps to arrest the criminal perpetrators of these grave violations?

We, therefore, protest most strongly and request Your Excellency to convey our protest in the strongest terms to the host country of the United Nations and to demand that all necessary steps be taken to protect our Missions.

We furthermore request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly and Security Council.

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