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LETTER DATED 5 SEPTEMBER 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following:

At midnight of Thursday, 4 September 1969, two Israeli helicopters Super Frelon penetrated the air space of southern Lebanon and landed troops of the Israeli Armed Forces at the village of Halta in the region of Hasbaya. The raiders attacked civilian population and properties.

The attack resulted in one civilian Lebanese being killed and two wounded. Three houses were destroyed.

At 2 p.m., Friday, 5 September 1969, units of the Israeli Air Force consisting of twenty jet planes attacked the villages of Al-Khourba, Al-Mary, Halta and Douhairajat situated in southern Lebanon. The attack lasted one hour. Napalm bombs were used. The Israeli planes were met by anti-aircraft artillery and one of them was directly hit and exploded on Lebanese territory south of the village of Teybeh.

These new acts of aggression committed by Israel demonstrate once more Israel's aggressive designs against Lebanon.

Israel has made no secret of these designs and has repeatedly threatened Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Israel's acts of aggression against Lebanon are in open defiance of the principles of international law, the United Nations Charter and the resolutions of the Security Council. They do constitute added flagrant violations of the Armistice Agreement of 23 March 1949.

Israel's reliance on militaristic and aggressive power rather than on law and international morality is a consistent threat to the peace and security of Lebanon and the Middle East. She consequently assumes full responsibility for the extension of the area of fighting, the deterioration of the situation in the Middle East and world peace and security.

I respectfully request that this letter be circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Edouard GHORRA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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