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LETTER DATED 2 JUNE 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions of my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Jordan on 26 May 1969 (A/7559, S/9225).

The Jordanian letter is another in the now familiar attempts to divert attention from Jordan's continued warfare against Israel, in violation of the cease-fire, by accusations of little consequence and even less veracity. The Jordanian representative is unable to substantiate in any manner the allegation of arbitrariness in measures that the Israel authorities have been compelled to take against several persons responsible for breaches of public order which endanger the population's welfare, safety and security with which Israel is entrusted. It is to be observed that these measures have been taken in the past in accordance with the laws in force in the areas concerned, the only difference being that the Israel authorities apply those laws in a more humane manner than the Jordanian occupation authorities.

Inadvertently, the above letter simply confirms that Israel has a liberal, democratic form of government in which individuals, groups and the Press, including the Arabic newspaper published in East Jerusalem, are free to express their political views and level criticism at the authorities, irrespective of its justification. A quotation in the Jordanian letter from an article by Michael Adams, a journalist known to be in the service of Arab propaganda organizations, could hardly have more relevance in May 1969 than in January 1968, when it was published.

Recent attacks from Jordan against Arab-inhabited localities demonstrate how callous Jordan is towards the Arab population's welfare and safety. In these

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circumstances, it is pure cynicism for the Jordanian representative to pretend that his Government feels concern for human rights.

In have the honour to request circulation of this letter as a document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

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