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LETTER DATED 5 MAY 1969 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF IRAQ ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to refer to document S/9181, containing the letter addressed to you by the Israeli Deputy Permanent Representative on 29 April 1969.

There is nothing new in the Israeli representative's letter that merits a reply. In fact he only reiterates standard unfounded allegations and reproduces quotations already contained in previous correspondence (S/9145).

The position of my Government was clearly stated in my letter to Your Excellency of 1 April 1969 (S/9125). My Government cannot overlook the focal point in the present situation in the area which is the continued Israeli occupation of territories of three Arab Member States, and the systematic acts of annexation of occupied territories. This situation came about as a result of the Israeli aggression in June 1967 in flagrant violation of the principles of the United Nations Charter, but decidedly in implementation of the Israeli designs for expansion which Israel has been carrying out for more than twenty years. An aggressor, whose troops are still occupying large territories of United Nations Member States has no moral, legal or logical basis for tendering advice to Iraq or any other State on how it should defend itself against the aggressor, or how it should fulfil its national and international commitments undertaken in full conformity with the provisions of the United Nations Charter.

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

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Adnan RAOUF
Acting Permanent Representative
of Iraq to the United Nations