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LETTER DATED 9 MAY 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
SYRIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my numerous letters in which I have drawn the attention of the Security Council to the systematic demolition of Syrian villages undertaken by the Israeli occupying authorities, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following new acts of lawlessness committed by the Israeli occupying forces:

1. On 27 April 1969, at about 0940 local time, an Israeli bulldozer was observed demolishing houses in the Syrian village of Aache at approximately Map Reference 2321-2643. The materials derived from the ruins of these houses are used by the Israeli occupying forces to build an Israeli settlement very close to the aforementioned village.
2. On 27 April 1969, at about 1100 local time, two Israeli bulldozers were observed demolishing houses in the occupied territories at approximately Map Reference 2261-2855.
3. On 28 April 1969, at about 0650 local time, an Israeli bulldozer was observed continuing the demolition of the houses of the Syrian village of Aache at approximately Map Reference 2321-2643.
4. On 1 May 1969, an Israeli bulldozer and two level dozers were observed opening a new road between the approximately Map Reference 2305-2735 and the Israeli military positions situated at approximately 2312-2708 of Buffer Zone.

Complaints relating to these grave violations of international law and agreements, notably of article 53, section III, part III of the Geneva Conventions, were submitted on 27 April and 5 May 1969 by the Syrian delegation to the Chairman of ISMAC (Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission).

Israeli acts of lawlessness did not stop at razing to the ground Syrian villages. At approximately the same time when the aforementioned acts were being

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committed, the Israeli military positions situated at approximately Map Reference 2310-2558 (Buffer Zone) opened HMG anti-tank fire across the Syrian cease-fire positions in the area. Fire was returned.

With respect to the letter addressed on 15 April 1969 (S/9158) by the Israeli Representative to the President of the Security Council, in which he admits as usual his authorities' guilt but at the same time justifies it, I should like to state that it is an elementary precept of law that an aggressor, a criminal and a violator of the law of nations has no right whatsoever to invoke any legal document to protect the fruits of aggression or to smoke-screen his crimes.

I would request, Excellency, that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) George J. TOMEH
Ambassador
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