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LETTER DATED 17 MAY 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
FINLAND ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the "Report of the Secretary-General on developments threatening the effectiveness of the United Nations Observation operation in the Suez Canal Sector" (S/9188) and have been instructed by the Finnish Government to convey to you the following:

The Finnish Government, as one of the Governments which have made available military personnel to serve as United Nations observers in the Suez Canal sector, has given serious attention to the report of the Secretary-General and subsequent correspondence relating to that report.

The Finnish Government wishes to express its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the efforts he is making for the protection of the observers in the performance of their duties. The Finnish Government has taken note of the statements made by the representatives of Israel and the UAR in response to the Secretary-General's appeal.

It is the hope of the Finnish Government that the arrangements initiated by the Secretary-General for the protection of the observers will ensure, with the co-operation of the Governments concerned, the continued effectiveness of UNTSO which is an indispensable means for maintaining the cease-fire.

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

Please accept, etc.

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Permanent Representative of Finland

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