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LETTER DATED 5 NOVEMBER 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to my letter of 23 October 1968 to the President of the Security Council (S/8865) concerning attacks from Jordanian territory on Israel civilian population and defence forces.

That letter listed, among other attacks, the shelling of the area of Ashdot-Yaacov at midnight of 16/17 October, by what was at that time thought to be Jordanian mortars.

On further examination in the attacked area, it has been established that while the shells were indeed fired from Jordan territory, they were in fact fired by artillery employed by the Iraqi army units stationed on the east bank of the Jordan.

In this connexion, I wish to recall the evasive statement made on behalf of the Government of Iraq in the letter of 15 June 1967 (S/7990) addressed by the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the Secretary-General in response to a communication by the Secretary-General of 7 June 1967 concerning Iraq's attitude towards the cease-fire, as follows:

"I have the honour to refer to your communication of 7 June 1967, concerning the resolutions adopted by the Security Council at its 1348th and 1349th meetings of 6 and 7 June 1967.

"I have been instructed by my Government to inform Your Excellency that the position of the Iraqi Government with regard to the cease-fire is that the Iraqi forces are under the joint command in Jordan which has already declared its position together with the Governments of Jordan and the United Arab Republic."

Obviously any armed action carried out from Jordanian territory against Israel constitutes a violation of the cease-fire, whether its originators are regular or irregular elements and whether Jordanian or Iraqi. When Iraqi forces

stationed in Jordan are involved in an action against Israel, both the Government of Jordan and the Government of Iraq bear the responsibility.

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

Please accept, etc.

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

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