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LETTER DATED 13 MARCH 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions of my Government I have the honour to bring to your attention the fact that Algerian armed forces participated in the aggressive attacks carried out against Israel in recent days along the Suez Canal sector.

According to the reports submitted to the Security Council by Lt. General Odd Bull attacks on Israel forces were launched from the west bank on 8, 9 and 11 March. Reuters reported from Algiers on 9 March that "Algerian forces stationed on the west bank of the Suez Canal took part, alongside the Egyptian forces, in the artillery battle on Saturday against the Israeli forces". According to Reuters this was announced by the official Algerian information services.

It will be recalled that Algeria has refused thus far to accept the cease-fire established by the Security Council in June 1967. I have already stressed the gravity of this behaviour in a letter to the President of the Security Council on 29 October 1968 (S/8875). The Algerian Government has not modified its position since then and persists, contrary to its international obligations, in a policy of aggression against Israel. In this connexion, the provisions of Article 23 of the United Nations Charter are of particular interest. The Article states that in electing the non-permanent members of the Security Council due regard will be specially paid "in the first instance to the contribution of Members of the United Nations to the maintenance of international peace and security".

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

Please accept, etc.

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