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LETTER DATED 18 NOVEMBER 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions of my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 8 November 1968 (S/8894) addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations, and to state the following:

Note has been taken of the sentence in that letter reading as follows:

"The Iraqi troops in Jordan are there at the request of the Government of Jordan and are under joint command whose attitude to the cease-fire is governed by the position of both the Governments of Jordan and the United Arab Republic."

That sentence, together with corresponding sentences of the letter of the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General on 15 June 1967 (S/7990), confirms what I had the honour to state in my letter of 5 November 1968 (S/8886) regarding the evasive character of the Government of Iraq's attitude towards the cease-fire. That attitude is apparently neither unreserved nor inclusive. As reported by the Secretary-General on 15 June 1967 (S/7985), he had communicated on 7 June 1967 to the Government of Iraq, as a participant in the June 1967 hostilities, the Security Council resolution 234 (1967) of 7 June 1967 which called for "an immediate cease-fire and for a cessation of all military activities in the Near East" by the Governments concerned.

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

Please accept, etc.

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