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LETTER DATED 10 APRIL 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to refer to the letter of the Acting Permanent Representative of Iraq of 1 April 1969 (S/9125) and to state the following:

The central fact is that the Government of Iraq has refused to accept the cease-fire ordered by the Security Council in June 1967, as I have pointed out in the past. The Iraqi letter of 1 April 1969 confirms that the policy of the Government of Iraq is to sabotage the maintenance of the cease-fire. It also confirms that the Iraqi Government continues to be motivated by an arrogant design of waging war against Israel by regular armed forces and by terror warfare.

Several recent official statements by Iraqi officials leave no doubt that this is the objective of the Government of Iraq.

On 2 April 1969, the President of Iraq himself, in an interview published in the Turkish newspaper Milliyet, stated that "Iraq has rejected the 22 November 1967 resolution of the Security Council on the Middle East... Israel has been established against the Arabs and should definitely be annihilated".

The Iraqi Minister for Culture and Information declared, according to the official Radio Baghdad on 25 March 1969, that Iraq extends its full support to all forms of warfare against Israel and that operations by irregulars are an insufficient substitute for a unified regular military action on all fronts and in all battle areas. He went on to say that "the presence of the brave Iraqi military forces at the front and their ability to direct heavy blows against the enemy are an assurance to us that these forces will not return from the battlefield before complete victory is won".

The Government of Iraq, which is sending units of its armed forces into other countries in furtherance of this policy, as well as those Governments which permit and even encourage the maintenance of the Iraqi expeditionary forces on their territory, despite the refusal of the Iraqi Government to accept the cease-fire without prevarication, bear full responsibility for the consequent aggravation of the situation.

I have the honour to request the circulation of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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