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LETTER DATED 10 APRIL 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the Israeli occupying forces have today again embarked on their attacks in the Suez Canal sector.

At 1630 hours local time, these forces opened fire from artillery and tanks on El-Shatt, Port Tewfik and Suez in the southern part of the Suez Canal. They extended the area of attack along the front northwards to Quantara. Our forces were compelled to return fire.

At 1835 hours local time, a cease-fire was arranged by the United Nations Military Observers.

Today's act of Israeli aggression was marked by the same criminal pattern which characterized the previous Israeli attacks which I have brought to your attention in my several letters before.

The primary target of the Israeli shelling is always the civilian population and installations. It is to be noted that the Israelis intensified the use of rockets in their wanton attack. Two rockets were found unexploded in the City of Suez.

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

Please accept, Excellency, etc.

(Signed) Mohamed Awad EL KONY
Permanent Representative of the
United Arab Republic to the
United Nations