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LETTER DATED 17 JULY 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter addressed to you on 9 July 1968 by the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Jordan (A/7135, S/8674).

The letter persists in bewailing the effects of Jordanian aggression on the civilian population of Jordan, without, however, indicating the slightest readiness to put an end to such aggression. It is evident that as long as Jordan continues its warfare against Israel by armed attacks and raids and uses inhabited points as artillery positions or bases for terror operations civilians cannot but suffer. Jordan cannot continue its attacks against Israeli villages and Israeli citizens and claim, at the same time, immunity for its military positions and bases only because they are purposely established within inhabited areas or in the immediate proximity to them.

This Jordanian attitude is reminiscent of Jordan's behaviour in June 1967. Having rejected Israel's appeals for peace and launched a military offensive against Israel, Jordan then found it appropriate to complain of the consequences of its own aggression.

By now the Jordanian Government is undoubtedly aware of the fact that only strict adherence to the cease-fire and prevention of the use of Jordanian territory for attacks against Israel by regular or irregular forces, can avert suffering of the civilian population on either side of the line.

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

Please accept, Sir, etc.

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

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