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LETTER DATED 21 AUGUST 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to refer to the letter addressed to you on 19 August 1968 (A/7180, S/8750) by the Permanent Representative of Jordan.

The letter purports to give an account of an incident that occurred in Jerusalem on 18 August. It deliberately omits, however, the essential facts. It does not mention that the incident began with three premeditated and planned terror attacks carried out by terror organizations operating from Jordan. It fails to mention that ten persons were injured, two of them seriously, by explosions of timing devices placed at the Bikur Holim Hospital, the central bus station and a gasoline station. The letter omits also the fact that the Jerusalem authorities condemned the outburst of a number of Jewish youths incensed by these terror attacks against innocent civilians; that a number of the young men implicated were arrested and immediate steps taken to end the turbulence and prevent its recurrence; and that Israel's Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Defence defined it as hooliganism which plays into the hands of the El-Fatah.

On the other hand, the Jordanian Government has failed to dissociate itself from acts of violence and murder directed against civilians. On the contrary, it supports them and even actively participates in them. Indeed, the Jordanian Government has repeatedly avowed its adherence to terror warfare, which constitutes a grave violation of the cease-fire. This warfare is pursued from Jordanian territory by inhuman and cowardly attempts at random killing and maiming of innocent civilians, Jews and Arabs, men, women and children, without the pretence of any military objective. Among the methods frequently employed in these attacks are the placing of explosives in theatres, bus stations and crowded streets, the dispersing

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of button-shaped mines in school yards, the throwing of grenades into stores and the sabotage of agricultural installations and vehicles.

The citizens of Jerusalem, Jews and Arabs alike, have repudiated the incident of 18 August, and the city continues on its course of normal life and development marked by coexistence of the two peoples which are weary of conflict and shrink from the warfare of terror, murder and hate inspired by the Arab Governments.

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

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

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