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LETTER DATED 5 MARCH 1971 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 2 March 1971 by the Permanent Representative of Jordan (A/8290, S/10139), and to state the following.

This letter is another step in the time-worn campaign of distortions and political incitement conducted by the representative of Jordan. In previous letters I have pinpointed some of his serious misrepresentations of fact.

The facts concerning the Electricity Company are as follows:

In view of the situation in Jerusalem it was found necessary, in order to ensure the continuity and operation of electrical services to the people of Jerusalem, to introduce requisite changes in the status of certain elements of the public ownership of these services.

It must however be stressed that no change whatsoever has taken place in the ownership status of private persons, Arab or other, or of other public bodies, which in fact comprise the overwhelming majority of shareholders in the Jerusalem Electric Corporation.

It should also be noted that the Corporation continues to function with the help, including the financial help, of the Government of Israel in the whole area included in its concession and that its operations have continued intact and unimpaired.

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

> (<u>Signed</u>) Yosef TEKOAH Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations

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