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LETTER DATED 28 JUNE 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL
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I have the honour to refer to the letter from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Republic of 24 June 1968 (A/7113, S/8650) concerning statements attributed to the Israel Minister of Defence General Moshe Dayan.

At a closed meeting of the parliamentary group of his party on 19 June 1968, the Defence Minister expressed his views on certain current questions. It was made clear that these were his personal reflections, and in no sense a statement of government policy (inter alia, he did not purport to interpret Security Council resolution 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967).

The Defence Minister's off-the-record remarks at this closed meeting were not made public. Unauthorized hearsay reports appeared in the Press afterwards, and he has not felt called upon to comment on their correctness or otherwise. The Egyptian letter is apparently based on such press reports. There is no need in the circumstances to deal with the views alleged in the letter to have been expressed by the Defence Minister, or the inferences drawn from them.

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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