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LETTER DATED 10 JULY 1968 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention the latest blatant act of aggression perpetrated by the Israeli armed forces against the civilian inhabitants of Suez.

On 8 July 1968 at 1800 hours the Israeli armed forces opened fire, from the occupied eastern bank of the Suez Canal, on the city of Suez. The shelling was concentrated on the densely populated district of Elarbaien, a western suburb of the city of Suez.

This unprovoked aggressive action by Israel caused heavy casualties among the civilian population, as well as severe damage to civilian properties. The result of this promiscuous and barbaric shelling, which did not spare women and children, amounted to forty-six killed and sixty-seven wounded. One church, two mosques and one child welfare centre were completely destroyed. Moreover, twenty-five houses, one hospital and the railway station were partially destroyed.

This newest aggression, which constitutes a flagrant violation of the Security Council cease-fire resolution upon which Israel has persistently infringed, represents Israel's aggressive policy and its complete disregard for the United Nations Charter.

The dastardly act which caused the above-listed high toll of human casualties and destruction of properties clearly demonstrates Israel's real intentions to forestall and undermine all endeavours to achieve a just peace in the Middle East.

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

Accept, etc.

(Signed) AMIN HILMY II
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to the United Nations
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.