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LETTER DATED 22 SEPTEMBER 1967 FROM THE FERMANENT REFRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED ARAB REFUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour, upon instructions from my Government, to convey to Your Excellency a new list of serious violations by the Israeli authorities of the resolutions of the Security Council regarding the cease-fire.

- (1) On 5 September 1967 the Israeli forces opened fire on the United Arab Republic positions west of the Suez Canal in the Tina area, twenty-five kilometres south of Port Said, using light weapons and artillery. Our armed forces were obliged to return the fire. The exchange of fire lasted approximately one hour.
- (2) On 6 September 1967 at 2345 local time the Israeli forces fired on our positions north of Ismailia. When our armed forces were obliged to act in self-defence the Israelis directed their shelling against the city of Ismailia. A cease-fire was arranged by the United Nations Military Observers which was put into effect at Oloo local time on the morning of 7 September.
- (3) On 8 September 1967 three Israeli aeroplanes flew over the city of Suez. Our anti-aircraft artillery forced the Israeli planes to change their course.
- (4) On 12 September 1967 at 1015 local time two Israeli planes flew over El Kantara West. When our artillery intervened the two planes changed their course. This was followed by heavy firing on El Kantara West. At 1205 local time a cease-fire was arranged by the United Nations Military Observers. As a result of this attack two were killed, nine wounded and seven houses were destroyed.
- (5) On 20 September 1967 the Israelis opened fire against the city of Suez; the firing lasted for half an hour. Five civilians were killed, two houses were demolished and a fishing boat was sunk.

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- (6) On 20 September 1967, the Israeli authorities in Jerusalem in a widely publicized announcement claimed that the United Arab Republic had attempted to move ten boats from Port Tawfiq which is located inside the Suez Canal to Fort Ibrahim outside the Canal, further alleging that several boats were sunk. The United Arab Republic authorities denied these allegations promptly. The United Nations Military Observers on the spot ascertained that there was no movement of United Arab Republic boats as alleged by Israel. This fact was substantiated by the report of the Acting Chief of Staff of UNTSO as contained in document S/7930/Add.36. 1
- (7) On 21 September 1967, again the Israelis opened fire on El Kantara West for two hours. Two civilians were killed and twelve wounded. Also a mosque and other buildings of social welfare were demolished.

These flagrant acts constitute serious violations of the cease-fire.

They are provocative in nature and are bound to increase tension in the area.

These are new links in the chain of aggression since their treacherous attack on 5 June and we are sure they cannot be tolerated by the world community and should be condemned by this world Organization.

I would like to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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United Arab Republic to the
United Nations

It is by now abundantly clear that Israel by resorting to fake allegations is attempting to justify her premeditated attacks against the populated cities along the Suez Canal.