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LETTER DATED 25 JULY 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SYRIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the text of the following cable which I received from the leaders of religious communities in the Syrian Arab Republic protesting the illegal acts committed by the Israel authorities against the status of Jerusalem in violation and disregard of General Assembly resolution 2253 (ES-V) of 4 July 1967, confirmed by resolution 2254 (ES-V) of 14 July 1967:

"We the undersigned, representatives of all Islamic and Christian religious organisms in the Syrian Arab Republic, do reprove strongly the usurpation of old Jerusalem and its annexation to the occupied territory. We protest strongly against Zionist domination of Jerusalem and its Holy Places. We invoke world consciousness and we request United Nations to defeat this illegal measure and to compel usurpers to give back Jerusalem to the Arabs, its legitimate owners, according to right, justice and peace.

"Theodosius VI - Patriarch of Antioch and all the East

"Ignatus Jacob III - Patriarch of Antioch and all the East and the Supreme
Head of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church

"Sheikh Ahmad Kaftaro - The Great Mufty of the Moslems in the Syrian Arab
Republic

"Maximos IV - Greek Catholic Patriarch of Antioch and all the East,
Alexandria and Jerusalem"

I request, Sir, that this letter be circulated as Security Council and General Assembly documents.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) George J. TOMEH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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