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LETTER DATED 10 JANUARY 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
JORDAN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am instructed by my Government to bring to Your Excellency's attention the following in connexion with the letter of the Israeli representative of 8 January 1968 (document S/8329).

The allegations in this letter are completely false. The facts are maliciously distorted to cover up a naked act of aggression committed by the Israeli authorities against Jordan.

On 8 January 1968, at 12.55 local time, the Israeli armed forces opened fire from medium machine guns on Jordanian positions situated near Makhabut Al-Jundiah.

At a later stage, the Israeli armed forces supported by tanks and 106 millimetre artillery extended their range of firing and started shelling the following areas: Al-Jundiah, Karameh and Sadiyah. In order to protect the civilians in the area, fire was returned to the positions from which the Israeli forces were firing.

At 14.30 firing was ceased, but five minutes later the Israeli armed forces began heavy shelling against the following areas: Makhfur El-Qarin, Tall Alsukkar, Makhadat Alturkumaniyah and Alzamaliyah.

At 16.45 the Israelis employed jet aircrafts and bombarded the following adjacent villages: Marhabah, Kufor Asad, Deir Abuseed and Kufor Rakib. The jets also flew over the area of Irbid.

At 18.25 firing was ceased. As a result of this criminal and unprovoked wide-scale Israeli attack, one soldier and seven civilians, including a woman, were seriously injured.

This is but another example of the Israeli crimes committed against innocent Jordanian civilians in an attempt to create a situation favourable to their expansionist aims and designs.

I request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the
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Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Muhammad H. EL-FARRA
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Permanent Representative
