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LETTER DATED 10 JULY 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
ISRAEL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the letter from the Permanent Representative of Syria of 5 July 1967 (S/8035), concerning allegations on cease-fire violations. There are no grounds for the Syrian allegations, as evidenced by the Secretary-General's reports.

Since the cease-fire along the fighting lines with Syria took effect, there were a considerable number of cease-fire violations by Syria, mainly as a result of the advance of the Syrian forces in a westerly direction towards the Israeli lines. The cease-fire violations continue, and in particular Syrian armed forces cross the Syrian cease-fire line, penetrate into the area between the lines, and open fire at Israel forces.

All violations are reported to General Bull and his staff, so that necessary steps can be taken to prevent their recurrence. It appears that these steps have been effective, since the number of violations has decreased, as reflected in the Secretary-General's reports of 4 July (S/7930/Add.19), and of 7 July (S/7930/Add.21), stating that General Bull has reported that the situation in general continued to be quiet along the cease-fire lines between Israel and Syria.

I wish to reiterate that it remains the policy of the Government of Israel scrupulously to observe the cease-fire, and to abide by its undertakings in this respect. Strict orders have been issued to the Israel forces in this connexion. It is the expectation of my Government that the Government of Syria also intends to abide by its undertakings, and that it will take the necessary steps to prevent violations of the cease-fire.

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

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Gideon RAFAEL
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to the United Nations
