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Her Majesty's Government have been shocked by reports emanating from the Middle East and carried by official news media alleging that British aircraft have taken part in the recent fighting in the Middle East on the side of Israel. These reports are malicious fabrications. There is no grain of truth in them.

2. It is the policy of Her Majesty's Government to avoid taking sides in the conflict in the Middle East and they have done everything they can to bring about a cease-fire as soon as possible. As stated by my Secretary of State in the House of Commons yesterday, all British forces in the area have been under the strictest instructions not to become involved in any way.

3. All United Kingdom ambassadors in the Arab countries have been instructed to make clear to the Governments to which they are accredited that these reports are malicious and mischievous inventions and that no British aircraft, whether carrier-based or land-based, nor any other British forces, have taken any part whatsoever in the recent fighting.

4. I should be grateful if Your Excellency would have this letter circulated immediately as a Security Council document.

I avail myself of this opportunity etc.

(Signed) CARADON
