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LETTER DATED 27 OCTOBER 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the present Security Council debate on the Israel complaint against Syria in document S/7540, and to inform you of another border incident of a particularly serious nature which took place this evening in Israel.

At 2045 hours a freight train travelling from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv was blown up and partially derailed by explosive charges placed between the tracks and electrically detonated. Fire was opened upon the train. One member of the train staff was injured.

This incident took place about 1,000 metres from the Jordan border, close to the Israel village of Battir.

The regular daily passenger train from Haifa to Jerusalem had passed through this section of the railway line a little more than an hour previously.

There have been several previous attempts to derail trains in the same area, where the railway line runs parallel to and close to the border. It is presumed that this fresh outrage, like the previous derailment attempts, forms part of the organized pattern of sabotage actions at present under discussion by the Security Council.

This is the eighth sabotage attack in the Israel border area since the Council's present proceedings were initiated. I am instructed by my Government to stress again the need for prompt and effective action by the Council, in order to prevent a worsening of an already tense situation.

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

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Michael CCMAY  
Permanent Representative