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LETTER DATED 24 DECEMBER 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have been instructed to refer to the letter dated 7 December 1965 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to you (document S/7002) and to say that the enclosed note to the High Commission of Pakistan in India would clarify the spurious nature of the allegations made by Pakistan in order to cover up its violations of the Rann of Kutch Agreement. The Government of India sincerely hope that Pakistan will fully honour the Rann of Kutch Agreement, as India is doing, in order to ensure peace and stability in the region.

I shall be grateful if this letter with its enclosure is circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) G. PARTHASARATHI  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative

23 December 1965

1. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, presents its compliments to the High Commission of Pakistan in India and has the honour to refer to the Note No. 1(1)-28/1/65, dated 29 November 1965, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan, to the Office of the High Commission of India at Islamabad. Careful investigations have been carried out about the alleged Indian patrolling in the Rann of Kutch area and it is found that on no occasion has the police patrolling exceeded the terms of the Rann of Kutch Agreement of 30 June 1965. It is also discovered that this clarification has already been furnished by the local Indian police commander to his Pakistan counterpart, confirming that neither the vehicle nor the patrol section strength has ever been greater than agreed to or that any patrolling has been contrary to the agreement between the two sides.
2. Indeed, it is found further that no Indian patrol was sent out on 5 October 1965, as has been alleged in the note from the Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The very fact that an imaginary catalogue of grievances is presented months after the events are supposed to have taken place would indicate that Pakistan has other intentions in making such baseless complaints. This is further clear from the fact that in violation of the Rann of Kutch Agreement of 30 June 1965, Pakistan has been digging bunkers in the Kanjarkot area and as recently as 30 November 1965, had sent units of its irregular forces across the Ding-Surai patrol track, besides concentrating a large number of vehicles in the Kanjarkot area.
3. The Government of India accordingly hope that instead of making imaginary complaints, the Government of Pakistan would respect the Rann of Kutch Agreement of 30 June 1965, and desist from concentration of its forces in the Kanjarkot area in violation of the Agreement. The Government of Pakistan would no doubt appreciate that continuing violation of the Rann of Kutch Agreement would create a serious situation for which the responsibility would rest entirely with the Government of Pakistan.

The Ministry of External Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission of Pakistan in India the assurances of its highest consideration.

High Commission of Pakistan in India,  
New Delhi.

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