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LETTER DATED 9 MAY 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In his letter of 26 April (S/7266) the Yemeni Permanent Representative made various allegations of violations of the Yemeni border. Those allegations will be fully investigated and the results will be conveyed through the United States Government, as the protecting Power, to the Yemeni Republic authorities. I should, however, point out that previous Yemeni allegations of this kind, including those made in the Yemeni Representative's letter (S/6983) of 29 November 1965, proved, after investigation, to be entirely without foundation and that Her Majesty's Government have asked the United States Government so to inform the Yemeni Republic authorities. The United Kingdom delegation cannot accept the description of South Arabia in the letter from the Permanent Representative of Yemen as "occupied South Yemen". The United Kingdom Government has no doubt as to its sovereignty over the territory of Aden and I reserve my Government's rights on that question. Nor is there any foundation for the Yemeni claims to the States of the Protectorate of South Arabia; these States are under the protection of the United Kingdom Government which is responsible for their external relations and the Yemeni authorities therefore have no claim to act on their behalf.

Moreover, my delegation emphatically repudiates the inaccurate and tendentious allegations of the Yemeni Permanent Representative in so far as they relate to the actions and policies of the United Kingdom Government in South Arabia. The United Kingdom Government has repeatedly declared its firm intention that South Arabia, including Aden, shall become sovereign and independent by 1968 on a basis which commands the greatest possible degree of acceptance by all the peoples of South Arabia. The United Kingdom has also made it clear that it does not intend to maintain a military base in South Arabia after independence. The attainment of early independence by the process of peaceful negotiation and agreement is being

obstructed by violence and terrorism openly inspired and organized from outside South Arabia. In particular, this campaign of murder and intimidation is largely organized from territory under the control of the Yemeni Republic authorities and their allies, who together bear a heavy responsibility for the pointless and cruel shedding of Arab blood in Aden and South Arabia and the consequent obstruction of self-determination and independence for South Arabia.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) CARADON
