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LETTER DATED 29 JUNE 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to bring to your notice the following encroachments which the Pakistani armed forces have committed on our side of the Cease-Fire Line and which have been declared as such by the United Nations Observers.

On 24 June 1966, at about 1630 hours, Indian troops observed one sangar built by Pakistani troops at NW 315876 in an area, approximately six and a half miles south-south-west of Naushahra on the Indian side of the Cease-Fire Line.

A patrol led by an officer was then sent towards this area to investigate. At about 1815 hours when this patrol was still about 500 yards on the Indian side of the Cease-Fire Line, Pakistani troops opened fire with medium machine-guns, light machine-guns, rifles and 3-inch mortars without any provocation.

The Indian patrol was forced to return the fire in self-defence. At the same time, a party of Pakistani troops was seen on the Indian side of the Cease-Fire Line trying to encircle our patrol.

The Government of India lodged a cease-fire violation complaint and showed the area of the incident to the United Nations Observers. Subsequently, at a joint meeting of the United Nations Observers on both sides held on 25 June 1966, the Observers indicated that the sangar has been built by Pakistani troops on the Indian side of the Cease-Fire Line.

It is understood that the United Nations Observers asked Pakistani troops to vacate the encroachment. Not only have Pakistani troops not done so, but on the night of 25/26 June 1966, they constructed an additional sangar in the same area.

2. This is a blatant violation of not only the Cease-Fire Agreement and the Tashkent Declaration but also the various agreements between the COAS, India and the C-in-C, Pakistan concluded under the Tashkent Agreement.

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3. I shall be grateful if this letter is circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

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