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LETTER DATED 5 OCTOBER 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have been instructed by the Government of India to refer to the Pakistan Permanent Representative's letter (S/7469), dated 22 August 1966, addressed to you, regarding an alleged breach of the Cease-Fire Agreement by the Indian Forces.

The Government of India had investigated the alleged incident at Battal, found the allegation made by the Government of Pakistan to be without basis and contradicted the same. It is a matter of regret that the Permanent Representative of Pakistan should deem it necessary to repeat the allegation.

My letter of 3 June 1966 (S/7347) to Your Excellency is self-explanatory. The facts stated in that letter have not been controverted by the Permanent Representative of Pakistan in his letter of 22 August 1966. Indeed, they cannot be controverted. While on the one hand the Permanent Representative of Pakistan claims in paragraph 2 of his letter that an officer of UNMOGIP at Rawalhot had seen incontestable evidence of Indian troops having fired on two unarmed civilians of Battal, he states, on the other hand, that the officer's inability to conclude that these civilians were on the Pakistan side of the cease-fire line is due to the fact that he did not visit the spot where the body of the dead man was discovered. The contradictions in the various elements out of which the story of an incident is sought to be made speak for themselves. It is hardly for the Government of India to suggest why the UNMOGIP officer did not visit the spot or whether there was anything there connected with the alleged incident for him to see.

The Government of India reiterate what they have stated earlier: that the Pakistan Government's allegations against the Indian forces have been investigated and found to be entirely baseless. They have no desire to continue this controversy and regret the Pakistan Government's insistence on propagating totally false allegations against them.

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

Please accept, etc.,

**(Signed) (G. PARIHASAFATHI)**  
**Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,**  
**Permanent Representative**

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