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LETTER DATED 14 OCTOBER FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. Under instructions from the Government of India, I have the honour to bring to your notice the continued recruitment and training of irregulars in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and in the tribal areas of Pakistan and the preparations for fresh armed infiltrations across the Cease-Fire Line in Jammu and Kashmir.
2. In your report of 16 September 1965 (S/6687), it was stated that "in addition to the regular forces engaged, tribesmen from the North-West Frontier are becoming increasingly involved in the conflict, arriving at the front for the most part through Rawalpindi".
3. Subsequent events have not only confirmed but brought to light the increased tempo of Pakistan's preparations for much more intensified attacks in Kashmir by armed infiltrators from Pakistan. According to Government of India's information, 14,000 raiders from the North-West Frontier have been recruited and dispatched to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir by the Pakistan Government. As to the preparations in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, the recruitment drive for infiltrators is in full swing there. Efforts were made by the Pakistan Government at the end of last month to recruit twenty new platoons of irregulars in the Khel sector alone. About the same time, instructions were issued to the district authorities that all ex-servicemen living in the territory irrespective of their age and physical fitness should be directed to report to the Officer Commanding, Ojhari Camp, which is the training centre of the Azad Kashmir units of the Pakistan Army. On 2 October, 150 recruits were sent to Shinkiari from the Afzalpur Training Centre in Mirpur Tehsil. On 7 October, 400 guerrillas finished training at Durigi. Pakistan authorities are understood to have issued instructions that 1,000 additional men under the age of twenty-five are to be recruited from District Poonch in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and sent to the Shinkiari Training School. The Khel centre of Pakistani Scouts has been informed that infiltrators will have to remain active during the winter and will be issued high altitude scale of rations, if deployed above 7,000 feet.

4. It must be clearly understood that any effort by Pakistan to send fresh waves of armed raiders into Kashmir must be treated by India as a gross violation of the cease-fire and an act of aggression and that in such circumstances India would be free to take suitable action in self-defence.
5. These developments also underline the imperative need of making no distinction between troops and armed personnel not in uniform, in the context of "withdrawal of armed personnel" requested in the resolutions of the Security Council.
6. In conclusion, it may be pointed out that only two of the major infiltration routes were closed during the last operations, namely, those in Tithwal and Uri-Poonch areas and that several other routes still remain open to the infiltrators.
7. I shall be grateful if this communication is circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

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to the United Nations

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