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LETTER DATED 11 DECEMBER 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
YEMEN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am instructed by my Government to inform Your Excellency and the Security Council, of the following military acts of aggression committed by the British Armed Forces against the Yemen Arab Republic:

- (1) On December 4, 1964, at 12.00 hours local time, a British Military Force penetrated into the Yemen Arab Republic Territory in Harib and occupied the village of Khalwat Aaber.
- (2) On December 5, 1964, at 17.00 hours a British Military Force penetrated into the Yemen Arab Republic Territory near the town of Qatabah and opened fire on the neighbouring Yemeni villages for an hour during which twenty rounds of mortar were fired punctuated by bursts of heavy machine gun. At 11.00 hours of that day the same British Force reopened fire on the Yemeni village of El Habow Aldiby for thirty minutes.
- (3) On December 6, 1964, at 7.00 hours four British Hawker Hunter aeroplanes violated the Yemen Arab Republic air space in seven successive aerial attacks with rockets on the Yemen Arab Republic Post of Jumrok Noaman killing a child, two women and a great number of livestock.

I should like to draw Your Excellency's attention to the consequential dangerous situation created by these systematic and premeditated acts of aggression committed by the Armed Forces of a Member State of the United Nations, a Permanent Member of the Security Council, against another Member State of the United Nations.

The situation is even further endangered by the recent British troop massing near the Yemen Arab Republic Harib and Qatabah areas, a fact which gives proof that the British authorities are planning further acts of aggression against the Yemen Arab Republic.

Furthermore British acts of aggression against the Yemen Arab Republic during the previous months show clearly the British disregard to the Security Council resolution of April 9 last, which called for restraint and avoidance of violence.

My Government had refrained from informing the Security Council of the British acts of aggression committed during the previous months against the Yemen Arab Republic Territory and citizens, with the optimistic view that the newly elected Government of the United Kingdom might have needed time to re-assess the British awkward position and re-evaluate the British policy in the area. But in view of the most recent British military aggression I have been instructed to draw Your Excellency's attention to the following:

- (1) On October 10, last, at 22.00 hours local time British forces opened fire on Qatabah area for six and a half hours using bazooka, recoilless gun and heavy machine gun. There was no reply from the Yemen Arab Republic side. British firing ceased at 4.30 hours on October 11.
- (2) On November 1, last, the British authorities massed troops on the British occupied Post of Sanah across the town of Qatabah.
- (3) On November 12, at 12.00 hours these British troops massed in Sanah Post opened fire. Twenty rounds of mortar were fired on the Yemen Arab Republic Post of Thwar.
- (4) At 18.00 hours of the same day British troops in Sanah again opened their fire on Thwar which resulted in heavy material damage.
- (5) On November 23, at 13.00 hours two British Hawker Hunter planes violated the Yemen Arab Republic air space over Qatabah area rocketting and partly destroying the village of Salah.

British behaviour has continuously been in flagrant violation to the Security Council resolution (S/5650) of April 9 since the issuance of that resolution. In their military and aerial attacks of December 4, 5 and 6 against the Yemen Arab Republic the British have killed an innocent child and two women, destroyed property, encroached upon the Yemen Arab Republic sovereignty and violated the Charter of the United Nations. These attacks, together with the British troop massing near Qatabah and Harib, leave no doubt that not only the safety and security of the Yemeni citizens living within the range of the British

guns and rockets are in great danger, but also the peace and security of the whole region are at stake. My Government most strongly protests against these premeditated acts of aggression and at the same time wishes to draw Your Excellency's attention to the explosive situation created by the irresponsible behaviour of the British authorities.

I should be grateful if arrangements could be made for the circulation of this letter as a Security Council document.

I avail myself, etc.,

(Signed) Mohsin A. ALAINI
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