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LETTER DATED 3 NOVEMBER 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
MALAYSIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to report to the Security Council certain defensive measures taken by my Government in answer to Indonesian military activities that are still continuing both in Eastern Malaysia and on the mainland of which one serious incident in the series was recently debated in the Council only in September last.

Information gathered by my Government through intelligence sources over a period of time, since Indonesian military "Confrontation" against Malaysia began, has been fully corroborated in recent months, in all essential details, by the interrogation of captured Indonesian personnel both regulars and irregulars. This information has disclosed the existence of several invasion bases on Indonesian islands to the Southwest and South of the Malaysian mainland and skirting it in an arc in very close proximity to it, across the Straits of Malacca.

The Malaysian Government has been aware for some time that among them, the islands of Rupert, Tanjong Balai, Pulau Saieo, Bintan and Selat Panjang have in fact been used by Indonesia as springboards for aggression against Malaysia.

It is a matter for regret and concern that this pattern of aggression is still being indulged in by Indonesia, notwithstanding the recent debate in the Council. Particulars of these hostile incidents since that debate were conveyed to you on 31 October last. Having regard to the false propaganda which the Indonesian Government has been purposefully promoting among its own people, inciting them to acts of hostility against Malaysia on the pretence that the people of Malaysia, being oppressed by the old colonialism in new ways, were only waiting to rise in rebellion against constituted authority and, that therefore the Indonesian Revolution had a sacred duty to do the comradely act of providing

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the leadership to ignite this alleged latent feeling, the Malaysian Government considered it meet and appropriate that it in turn had the duty to convey the truth to the Indonesian victims of its own governmental propaganda.

This necessary process of educating the Indonesian people to the truth, my Government felt had better be done by their own personnel, if that were possible. One such captured personnel, Lt. Soetikno who was the leader of one group of paratroopers dropped recently in the Labis area, having had his eyes opened to conditions in Malaysia, of his own free will, offered to assist the Malaysian authorities in this behalf, as he was anxious that his people should have their minds disabused of the attractive fiction that Indonesia was assisting a national liberation movement in Malaysia by its policy of Confrontation.

The Malaysian Government took advantage of this offer and dropped leaflets containing his appeal to his "Brothers and Comrades" on the invasion bases. An English translation of the Indonesian text is annexed to this letter.

For this purpose Malaysian and allied aircraft had of necessity to fly over these bases for the limited purpose of making this airdrop, in the early hours of Monday, 2 November.

I shall be grateful for your having this letter and annex circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) R. RAMANI
Permanent Representative of Malaysia
to the United Nations

ANNEX

"Brothers and Comrades:

I am Lt. Muda I Soetikno Tjitrosomarto of the Pasokan Gerak Tjepat. I led one group which landed by parachute into the Labis area in Southern Malay Peninsula on September 2nd. I am now lucky to be alive, and I want to tell you something about it. The facts are as follows:

1. Of the 108 who landed by boat in the Pontian area on August 17th, 11 have been killed, 72 have been captured, leaving not more than 18 lost in the jungle without food and medicine.
2. Of the 96 who landed by parachute at the Labis area on September 2nd, 30 have been killed, 60 have been captured not more than 6 lost in the jungle without food and medicine. None of the tasks assigned by the authorities in Djakarta has been carried out, and the whole campaign is a complete flop. Those who died have died for nothing.

Do you know the reason why the landings have failed so miserably? The reasons are as follows:

1. The high authorities in Djakarta have fallen into the trap of working on wrong and misleading intelligence. The landing points chosen were not suitable, and we were discovered and attacked before we could organize ourselves after landing.
2. We were told by the high authorities in Djakarta that we would be welcomed by the local people as 'Liberators', but what actually happened was that the people treated us as aggressors and assisted the Malaysian Security Forces to capture us.
3. I see that the people of Malaysia live in a prosperous state and are free, and give full support and absolute loyalty to the Malaysian Government. Why shouldn't they be contented, after all they have plenty of food and do not have to eat corn whereas we have to eat corn. It is rather the people of Indonesia who need to be liberated from poverty and misery!

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4. The Chinese members in our group are supposed to guide us and help us after landing, but what they did was to desert us and leave us in the lurch.

You can now see clearly for yourself the reason for our defeat. But the leaders in Djakarta are still carrying on their operations. On October 25th they sent another group to land along the coast of Malacca. This time the Malaysian Security Forces were on the alert and swift to take action against us. Within 24 hours of the landing the majority of the group - more than 45 members were captured. The rest have been surrounded and will be either killed or captured before long. They don't have a chance at all!

I don't want you to be deceived as I have been so deceived. That is why I hasten to send this message giving you the truth, which was hidden from you by your senior officers. This armed aggression carried out against Malaysia has not been openly admitted by the Djakarta Regime, and it shows they have little regard for our lives and safety. Therefore this is a useless and purposeless struggle. Would you allow yourself to become cannon-fodder of the ambitious and irresponsible leaders of Djakarta!

Salutations from me.

(Signed) Soetikno."

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