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LETTER DATED 23 JULY 1977 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF  
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a message sent by cable to Your Excellency from the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya concerning the Egyptian acts of aggression against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

As is evident from the text of the said message, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya has requested that the membership of the United Nations be informed of this matter.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali AL-GAYED  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Annex

Message dated 23 July 1977 from the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of  
the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya addressed to the Secretary-General

It has been a year and half since we informed the Secretary-General of the Arab League as well as the Arab States that there had been a massive Egyptian mobilization on our borders and that Egypt was preparing to commit an act of aggression against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. It is therefore a source of great regret for me to inform Your Excellency that at dawn on 21 July 1977 the Egyptian Armed Forces launched an armed attack against the Libyan villages of Musa'd and Al-Bardia. Many civilians were killed including women and children. The situation is extremely critical and there is a danger that it will further deteriorate. Today the Libyan Gamal Abdul-Nasser air force base near Tobruq was repeatedly bombarded by the Egyptian Air Force.

These acts of aggression and the occupation of the territory of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya have been confirmed by Egyptian military communiques and in the speech delivered by President Anwar Sadat on 22 July 1977. These blatant acts of aggression and violence are in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and in complete disregard of other international documents and normal international practice. Imperialist forces stand behind these acts of aggression and are implicated in them. There is no necessity for me to confirm to Your Excellency that this situation constitutes a threat to international peace and security.

In compliance with our international responsibilities we have up to now exercised extreme patience and self-restraint. But the acts of the Egyptian régime and any continuation of their armed aggression against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya will compel us to respond accordingly in order to ensure our security, defend our territorial integrity and repulse this armed aggression against our people. In this situation, we hold the Egyptian régime completely responsible for this armed aggression and for the resulting threat to international peace and security.

In drawing Your Excellency's attention to the above, I have the honour to request that the membership of the United Nations be informed of this matter.

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