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LETTER DATED 14 JANUARY 1957 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF YEMEN
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the pleasure to bring to your attention that on January the 11th, 1957, I received a cable from His Majesty the King of Yemen to the effect that the British forces in Aden renewed their aggression against the territory of Yemen.

On the eve of Wednesday, January the 8th, a convoy of lorries, loaded with British troops came to Sanah, a town near Ka'ataba. These troops were equipped with heavy artillery and arms. They bombarded Ka'ataba and all the Government centers. As a result of the bombardment several Government buildings, army barracks and the guest-house were destroyed.

On the morning of Wednesday, January the 9th, several warplanes, belonging to the British Air Force attacked Saum'a, in the district of Al Baida, with bombs. At the same time the ground force attacked the same place with machine gun and rifle fire. This attack lasted about twelve hours. In Hareeb, two British military planes flew over the airfield of Hareeb for a long while.

I wish to call Your Excellency's attention to these acts of aggression against the sovereignty and the independence of Yemen on the part of the British Authorities in Aden and I reserve the right of the Government of Yemen to invite the Security Council to take this complaint into consideration.

Accept, Excellency, etc....

(Signed) Prince Saif Al Islam Al Hassan
Chairman, Yemen Delegation
to the Xith Session of the
General Assembly

