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LETTER DATED 5 APRIL 1956 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF EGYPT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that I have received information from my Government that the Israeli armed forces started at 12.30 local time this morning to attack the cities of Gaza, Deir El Balah, Abasan and Khozaa in the Gaza Strip.

According to the preliminary reports the casualties of this military attack which has been taking place since this morning are:

33 civilians killed;

92 civilians and 7 of the Egyptian armed  
forces including an officer injured.

I shall continue to inform Your Excellency about the developments of the situation and meanwhile reserve the right of my delegation to pursue this matter further.

I have the honour to request that the contents of this letter be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

Accept, Excellency, etc.

(Signed) Omar Loutfi  
Permanent Representative  
of Egypt to the United Nations

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