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LETTER DATED 25 MARCH 1965 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF YEMEN ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On 17 March last, the Yemen Arab Republic Mission informed Your Excellency of the incursion on the Yemen Arab Republic by British warplanes dropping leaflets over Assari area, ordering the citizens of the area to abandon their villages, homes and properties in preparation of a British airstrike.

Now I have been instructed by my Government to draw your Excellency's attention to further British incursion on Yemen Arab Republic territory in an endless series of British warfare operations and aggression against the Yemen Arab Republic.

On Friday, 12 March last, at 0100 hours local time, British forces opened mortar fire on the Yemen Arab Republic post of Qatabah.

On Saturday, 20 March last, at 2130 hours local time, British forces stationed in the neighbourhood of Sanah opened artillery fire on Qatabah post. The British continued their shelling until 0700 hours local time the following day.

Furthermore, British authorities have been heavily and rapidly gathering and concentrating troops in a warlike build-up unprecedented in the region's history.

The Yemen Arab Republic, while viewing this British military build-up with great anxiety, considers this heavy troop massing to be a threat to the security of Yemeni citizens and to the country itself, as well as a threat to international peace.

I shall be grateful to Your Excellency if arrangements are made for this letter to be circulated as a Security Council document.

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I would like to convey to Your Excellency that the contents of Mr. R.W. Jackling's letter of 22 March 1965 (S/6252) have been referred to my Government for investigation and verification.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Yahya H. GEGHMAN  
Deputy Permanent Representative

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