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LETTER DATED 13 AUGUST 1957 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF EGYPT, IRAQ, JORDAN, LEBANON, LIBYA, MOROCCO, SAUDI ARABIA, SUDAN, SYRIA AND YEMEN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from our respective Governments, we the Permanent representatives of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen, have the honour to request you, under Article 35 of the Charter, to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider:

"The armed aggression by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland against the independence, sovereignty, and the territorial integrity of the Imamate of Oman."

The people of Oman are at present the victims of an armed aggression resorted to by the British Government in violation of its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations.

This aggression has taken during the last few weeks the form of a full-scale war involving the use of modern destructive weapons - such as rockets, bombers, Venom jets, armored cars, heavy mortar and machine guns - and military operations by British sea, air, and ground forces.

Through this armed aggression the British Government is seeking to destroy the sovereignty of Oman, a country which has long been independent and whose independence was reaffirmed in the treaty of Sib which was entered into between Muscat and Oman on the 25th of September 1920, through the British Government acting as an intermediary.

The British acts of aggression against the peaceful people of Oman will, if permitted to continue, lead to serious consequences. The extreme gravity of the situation in that part of the Arab world makes imperative an immediate action by

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the Security Council, entrusted with the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security and the prevention of aggression.

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