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LETTER DATED 4 OCTOBER 1954 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to my letter of 28 January 1954 (S/3168) and, on instructions from my Government, to request you to call an early meeting of the Security Council in order that it may give further consideration to sub-paragraph (a) of my Government's complaint against Egypt noted therein, which reads:

"Complaint by Israel against Egypt concerning:

(a) Enforcement by Egypt of restrictions on the passage of ships trading with Israel through the Suez Canal."

It will be recalled that this item was included in the Agenda adopted by the Security Council at its 657th meeting on 4 February 1954.

The representations which I have been instructed to make to the Security Council will refer to the general question of continued Egyptian interference with shipping in the Suez Canal, the most recent manifestation of which has been the illegal arrest and detention of the Israeli vessel SS Bat Galim on 28 September 1954. The details of this incident were communicated to you in my letter of 29 September 1954 (S/3296).

Please accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Abba Eban

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