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LETTER DATED 3 NOVEMBER 1955, ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SYRIA

I have the honour to request you to communicate the present letter to the members of the Security Council.

The Israel authorities have concentrated large bodies of troops not far from the demarcation lines separating their forces from the Syrian and Egyptian forces, thus violating the existing armistice agreements. On 1 November 1955, at 8.30 p.m., two armoured boats on Lake Tiberias attacked the Syrian post of "Hassel" near the mouth of the Jordan; the attack consisted of violent artillery fire. At the same time the Israel posts of "Tal al Fahl" and "Maachara" kept up a continuous fire on the same Syrian post for two hours. The Syrian post, in accordance with its instructions not to retaliate, remained calm and silent.

The Security Council's attention is particularly drawn to the troop movements constantly being carried out by the Israel authorities, as well as to incidents of the type just described. If this situation persists, the Syrian forces will be unable to continue to maintain the same attitude. They will be obliged to exercise their legitimate right of self-defence. It is to be feared that such a situation cannot but result in an aggravation of military operations, which would be a danger to peace. The acts of aggression committed by the Israel authorities must therefore cease.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Rafik Asha
Permanent Syrian
Representative to the
United Nations

