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LETTER DATED 19 MARCH 1964 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF PAKISTAN  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to draw the attention of the Security Council to the statement made by the Prime Minister of India yesterday in the Indian Parliament. Mr. Nehru is reported to have said: "While we are not prepared to go across the cease-fire line and attack the territory occupied by Pakistan, obviously, if it becomes necessary in defence of our territory to cross the line, we will cross it."

2. It needs to be pointed out here that the qualifying clause in Mr. Nehru's statement (about India not being prepared to go across the cease-fire line) is of no significance because it does not detract from the categorical assertion that India (a) regards Kashmir as its territory, and (b) considers it within its right to cross the cease-fire line under the pretext of "defence" whenever, according to India's own judgement, it becomes necessary to do so.

3. Since the cease-fire arrangement in Kashmir stems from, and is based upon, the resolutions of the UNCIP of 13 August 1948 and 5 January 1949, the statement of the Prime Minister of India is the most forcible indication yet given of India's determination to violate these resolutions.

4. The Government of Pakistan considers the statement as an unmistakable threat of the renewal of India's aggression on Kashmir.

5. My Government desires to inform the Security Council that we consider it our urgent duty to take whatever measures may become necessary to counter this threat promptly and effectively. It is our obligation to protect Azad Kashmir from the danger of armed attack to which it has now clearly become exposed.

It is requested that this communication be brought to the notice of the members of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Zulfikar Ali BHUTTO  
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of Pakistan

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