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LETTER DATED 10 JUNE 1963 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

On 9 June 1963, at 11.10 a.m. (local time), an Israeli gunboat approached the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee. After reaching a point 150 metres from the shore, it opened fire with automatic weapons and a mortar at Syrian positions in the village of El Douga and, as a result, these positions returned the fire.

Five minutes later, that is, at 11.15 a.m. (local time), two Israeli jet aircraft overflew Syrian territory and attacked the village of El Douga with machine guns and rockets.

I cannot but draw your attention to the situation thus created in violation of the General Armistice Agreement between Syria and Israel. This situation is aggravated by:

(1) the use of the mortar;

(2) the aerial bombing of Syrian territory with rockets.

I should be grateful if you would transmit this communication to the members of the Security Council.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(<u>Signed</u>) Salah El Dine Tarazi Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic

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