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LETTER DATED 5 MARCH 1959 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Acting Permanent Representative of Pakistan has in his letter dated 27 January 1959 (S/4152) continued the acrimonious tone of his communications and to misstate the facts and the principles of law applicable to the situation.

2. I would like to repeat that it is the policy of my Government to promote friendly relations between India and Pakistan. That this policy is not purely on the "verbal plane", as the Permanent Representative of Pakistan alleges, is clear from the fact that my Government, despite provocations, continue their efforts to reach peaceful and negotiated settlements on various matters with the Government of Pakistan, though it has been established that they committed aggression on Indian territory in Kashmir and have continued and consolidated their aggression. The first step, as recommended by the U.N.C.I.P. and endorsed by the Security Council to deal with the Kashmir situation, is that Pakistan should vacate their aggression in Kashmir.

3. As regards Sheikh Abdullah's trial, this is an internal matter to be dealt with by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir in the discharge of their responsibility for maintenance of law and order. The Government of Pakistan has no locus standi in this matter. It is curious, however, that while the Permanent Representative of Pakistan, in his letter of 6th May 1958, (S/4003) took exception to the fact that Sheikh Abdullah was detained and was not being tried under ordinary law, he, in his letter under reference, now objects to Sheikh Abdullah's trial under ordinary law. These contradictory positions show that the object of this entire correspondence, conducted through the forum of the United Nations, is purely propagandist.

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4. I request that this letter be circulated to the members of the Security Council as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) (C.S. Jha)
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of
India to the United Nations.

