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LETTER DATED 17 APRIL 1958 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to the letter from Sir Pierson Dixon of 6 March (S/3977) I have the honour to inform you of two further attacks made by Yemeni forces against the Aden Protectorate.

On 11 April a patrol of the Aden Protectorate levies in the Salil area in Beihan territory, which is part of the Aden Protectorate, came under heavy artillery fire from guns in Harib Fort situated about 800 yards from the town of that name in Yemeni territory. Acting in accordance with the provisions of Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, British forces took measures in self defence to silence the guns by aerial attack.

On 13 April a Yemeni helicopter flew over Husn Amoud Fort in Beihan territory. Simultaneously a heavy mortar attack was opened on the Fort by Yemeni forces. A few minutes later a similar attack was reported on the Fort at Tamara. On this occasion also British forces took measures necessary in self defence, in accordance with Article 51.

I shall be grateful if this letter is circulated as a document of the Security Council for the information of members of the Council.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) P.M. Crosthwaite  
Acting Permanent Representative