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LETTER DATED 15 OCTOBER 1956 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF JORDAN ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that on the night of October 11, 1956 the Israeli army launched a major unprovoked and premeditated military attack against the Jordanian front villages of Qalqilia, Soufin, Habla, and Nabi Ilias. The attack began at 10:00 p.m. and ended at 4:30 a.m. the following day upon orders from General E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization. The Israeli attacking force used heavy arms and war equipment including bombing airplanes. Twenty-five Jordanian soldiers and national guards were killed and thirteen wounded. The Jordanian police post of Qalqilia was demolished and the villages were shelled. A similar major attack was launched on the night of September 25-26, 1956 against the Jordanian territory in the area of Husan where twenty-five Jordanians were killed including a seventy-year-old civilian, twelve-year-old girl and six others wounded including a seven-year-old girl.

These acts of aggression, on the part of Israel, are a flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement between Jordan and Israel and of the principles of the United Nations Charter, and constitute a threat to peace and security.

Upon instructions from my Government, I request you, Excellency, to convene the Security Council, as early as possible in order to take the necessary action to meet this most serious situation.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Abdul Monem Rifa'i
Permanent Representative of
Jordan to the United Nations

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