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Letter dated 29 April 1969 from the Permanent Representative of the  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

On 31 March 1969 the Permanent Representatives of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and France to the United Nations addressed a letter (A/7541) to the Secretary-General of the United Nations containing discriminatory remarks about the German Democratic Republic.

The Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations has already repeatedly pointed out how completely groundless are assertions that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany is the only representative of the German people in international affairs. However often such unjustified and utterly unfounded assertions are repeated, the incontrovertible fact remains that there are two German States - the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany - each of which exercises the functions of a sovereign State in all fields, including international affairs.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

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of Soviet Socialist Republic to the  
United Nations