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Letter dated 5 November 1956 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt
to the United Nations, addressed to the Secretary-General

New York, 5 November 1956

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency the following communication
from the Egyptian Government:

"In the utmost disregard for world public opinion, the United Kingdom
and France have refused to comply with the United Nations cease-fire
order.

"Last night British and French airplanes continued their raids on
the civilian population in Cairo, Alexandria and Port Said.

"This morning they began their attempted invasion of Egyptian
territory on the Mediterranean coast. The first waves of paratroopers
dropped in Egyptian soil in the Port Said area having been annihilated,
British and French forces began a bombardment of the city of Port Said,
thus attacking the civilian population. The Cyprus controlled radio
station, 'The Voice of Britain', admitted the attacks on civilians in
Port Said after the failure of the attempted landing.

"Meanwhile air attacks on civilians are continuing this morning on
Cairo, Port Said and Alexandria."

I have the honour to request that the above communication be brought to
the attention of His Excellency the President of the General Assembly, His
Excellency the President of the Security Council and all Members of the United
Nations.

(Signed) Omar LOUTFI

Permanent Representative
of Egypt to the United
Nations