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Letter dated 28 June 1985 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a letter addressed to you by Dr. Ali Abdessalam Treiki, Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison, concerning the recent statement of the official White House spokesman in which he introduced the name of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya into the incident of the hijacking of the American passenger aircraft at Athens Airport.

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ANNEX

Letter from the Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's
Bureau for Foreign Liaison of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya addressed
to the Secretary-General

On 25 June 1985, the official White House spokesman made a statement in which he alleged that the Jamahiriya, Syria and Iran had assisted the hijackers of the American aircraft. The spokesman intimated that his country had decided to take military steps against the Jamahiriya, Syria and Iran. This official American statement is not the first of its kind, but has been preceded by numerous similar threats made by American officials at all levels against the Jamahiriya in an attempt to raise accusations of international terrorism against it.

I should like, on this occasion, to reaffirm at the outset the position of the Jamahiriya, which is firmly established and known to all, and which is exemplified by the condemnation of all forms of international terrorism, including that practised by the United States of America against small peoples and that arising out of the hijacking of aircraft and placing the safety of passengers and of innocent lives in danger.

Proceeding from that principle, the Jamahiriya has condemned the hijacking of the TWA aircraft at Athens Airport. We should not be surprised to find that the American Administration had colluded in contriving that hijacking, in co-operation with the terrorist elements of the Amal movement, as a pretext to attack the countries that reject the subjection that the United States Administration is attempting to impose on the peoples of the third world.

The statement of the White House spokesman corroborates the truth of the article published by Newsweek magazine in its issue No. 26 dated 1 July 1985, in which the magazine states that the American Administration has identified civilian and economic targets in Iran, Lebanon and the Jamahiriya for attack.

The statement of the official White House spokesman referred to comes within the purview of the hostile policy pursued by the United States against the people of the Jamahiriya, a policy which is exemplified by the imposition of an economic boycott and by terroristic military provocations against the coasts and territorial waters of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

That policy has the aim of imposing the hegemony of the United States of America on the Arab world and on the African continent.

The Jamahiriya, in exposing these hostile practices of the American Administration against the people of the Jamahiriya, would like to stress that such practices constitute a flagrant violation of the principles of the United Nations and of its Charter, particularly when they are engaged in by a State which is a permanent member of the Security Council, a body entrusted, under the terms of the Charter, with responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security.

In informing you of the foregoing facts, we request you to have the present letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 71 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. Ali Abdessalam TREIKI
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