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LETTER DATED 14 AUGUST 1985 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the letter of 6 August 1985, addressed to you by Mr. Ali Abdessalam Treiki, Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, contained in document S/17387 and circulated as an official document on 9 August 1985.

I wish to inform the members of the Security Council that the charges contained in that letter are unfounded and misleading.

For the Council's information, Bright Star 85 is a bilateral combined land, naval and air training exercise which will enable the United States and Egyptian forces to benefit from each other's expertise. United States forces are participating at the invitation of the Government of Egypt and will depart at the conclusion of the exercise.

Bright Star 85 is the third such exercise in Egypt and has been in the planning stages for over two years. It is part of an ongoing exercise programme. It is not in response to any current situation in the area.

Bright Star 85 is not directed against any other State. It is fully in accord with existing international law and poses no threat to the security of other States in the region.

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Herbert S. OKUN
Acting Permanent Representative