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LETTER DATED 4 JUNE 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF JORDAN
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour, upon instructions from my Government, to invite the attention of the Security Council to the misrepresentations and false allegations reported to the President of the Security Council in the letter of the Israeli representative of 1 June 1965 (S/6397).

The version offered in the above-mentioned letter of the incident of 31 May 1965 is a shameful distortion of the truth. This is a usual manner by which the Israeli representative tries to cover up for the criminal deeds committed by his Government.

The true facts of the incident are the following:

1. Few minutes after 1400 hours 31 May 1965 a Jordanian Army sentry noticed Israeli soldiers enter the no-man's land adjacent to the Jerusalem Walls, and saw them hurling flaming material. The sentry informed his officer who looked through an opening in the Wall, when suddenly machine gun bursts were fired from the occupied walls of the Notre Dame de France in the direction of the Jordanian Army defence posts, on the Walls of Jerusalem. The enemy started shooting at 1422 hours and continued until 1445 hours. The Jordanian Army defence posts fired back in a successful attempt to stop criminal enemy fire. Some civilians were caught in the exchange of fire.

2. Jordan complained to the Mixed Armistice Commission about this criminal provocation at 1445 hours, and the United Nations observers found Israeli fired shots on the Walls of Jerusalem and on Jordanian Army defence posts.

All these facts are substantiated by independent witnesses among whom is Mr. Kampman, a United Nations observer, who was in the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem and recorded exactly what had happened and the time it happened.

The letter of the Israeli representative, which lacks the honesty and decency of normal communications addressed to the President of the Security Council, denies the participation of the Israeli forces in the firing. There is nothing more absurd and untruthful than this Israeli claim. In their attempt to hide the truth and gain undeserved sympathy, the Israeli authorities accused Jordan indiscriminately. It is they whose lies are "clearly fabricated to provide a pretext".

In the long history of Israeli aggressive attacks their targets have been more often than not civilian targets. Their latest prepared and premeditated military attacks and wanton murder of civilians in AL-MANSHIYAT, JEWIN and QAIQILYA, bear witness to this fact.

The Israeli act of aggression in Jerusalem is a flagrant and outrageous violation of the sanctity of the Holy City and should be condemned by all religious and moral standards of the world. The Jordanian Government shall not fail to defend and protect this Holy City against the vicious Israeli designs.

The Jordan Government, which totally denies the allegations of the Israeli authorities as misreported in the Israeli letter of 1 June 1965, did not fail to bring this matter to the attention of MAC for immediate investigations.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated to the members of the Council as a Council document.

Please accept, etc.

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