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LETTER DATED 3 JUNE 1970 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions of my Government and further to my letter of this morning (S/9818), I have the honour to draw your urgent attention to additional Jordanian acts of aggression carried out today against Israel's territory and civilian population.

At 1600 hours local time, and again at 1800 hours, artillery bombardment was launched from Jordanian territory in the direction of the villages of Tel-Katzir, Ashdot Yaakov and Afikim. There were no casualties.

At 1800 hours the town of Tiberias came under artillery fire from Jordan. The fire was concentrated entirely on the residential and commercial districts at an hour when the streets were crowded with shoppers and inhabitants returning home from work. Some of the 130 mm shells of Soviet manufacture fell into the courtyard of the Beit Sefer Makif High School, next to the Hagalil High School, the "Elisheva" theatre and the Central Synagogue of Tiberias, in which a Torah scroll was damaged.

A man and a woman were killed. Six civilians were wounded. One of them, a twenty-five-year-old pregnant woman, is in critical condition.

The Israel Defence Forces, supported by aircraft, returned fire against the sources of the artillery fire in the Irbid area and of the Katyusha rocket fire on Beit Shean earlier in the day.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations