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Letter dated 6 December 1984 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

On instructions from the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

The Libyan authorities have learnt that the Government of the United States is apparently preparing to engage in military aggression against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in the next few months. A special unit of American marines is currently being trained at a military base in Wisconsin to occupy the town of Tripoli and this unit had previously undergone training in Arizona.

The issue of Newsweek dated 3 December 1984, reviewing the actions which the United States could take against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, reached the conclusion that the hawks in the United States administration admit that an attempt to overthrow Qaddafi is unlikely to succeed unless military force is used to destroy the Libyan air force and other targets such as the communications network. The magazine also indicates that officials in the United States administration recently tested plans for an invasion of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, in which the Sixth Fleet and some neighbours of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya would take part. An American official apparently stated in this connection that this endeavour could be quite likely to succeed, even if the United States were to lose some men as a result.

It is noteworthy that the United States engages from time to time in provocative military manoeuvres near the coasts and frontiers of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the latest being the naval manoeuvres which took place between 5 and 7 November 1984 near the eastern and north-eastern frontiers of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. There is no doubt that these manoeuvres and these secret plans, like the hostile information campaigns, confirm the determination of the United States to attack the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, which constitutes a serious threat to

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international peace and security. This could have unfortunate consequences for the entire region.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 67 entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rajab A. AZZAROUK
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