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LETTER DATED 17 MARCH 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to refer to the letter addressed to you on 16 March 1969 by the Permanent Representative of Jordan (S/9083).

In my letter to the Secretary-General of 10 March 1969 (S/9065, A/7527), I drew attention to persistent armed attacks against Israel by regular and irregular forces from Jordan necessitating measures of self-defence by Israel. These murderous attacks, and in particular the acts of violence carried out indiscriminately by terror organizations against the civilian population have continued unabated.

On 15, 16 and 17 March 1969 Israel was compelled again to take action in self-defence. The targets were terror organization camps and bases situated in Jordan territory outside the centres of population. This in fact has been confirmed in press reports from Jordan and especially in communiques issued by the terror organizations themselves.

Tranquility on the cease-fire line can be ensured and Israeli defensive actions made unnecessary if the Jordanian authorities will stop harbouring the terror organizations in Jordan territory and assisting their activities against Israel in violation of the cease-fire. The Government of Jordan cannot escape its responsibility under the cease-fire for the continuation of terror warfare from its territory against Israel.

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

Please accept, Excellency, etc.

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