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LETTER DATED 15 JULY 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ZAMBIA
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request for an early meeting of the Security Council to discuss the recent Portuguese calculated violations of the territorial integrity of the Republic of Zambia, and also the bombing of a village, destruction of property and the wounding and killing of two innocent and unarmed civilians at Lote village in the Katete District of the Eastern Province of Zambia on 30 June 1969. Lote is one of the villages situated along the border of the Republic of Zambia and the Portuguese colony of Mozambique.

Several unprovoked activities of the Portuguese Government have on a number of occasions been brought to the attention of the Security Council and the recent aggression is proof of the bellicose intentions of the Lisbon Government. My Government is fearful that in its application of the inherent right of self-defence Zambia as a State possesses and which is recognized in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, a more serious situation may arise. It is, therefore, incumbent upon the Security Council to envisage corrective measures which will bring an end to these shameful and sordid acts which constitute a threat to international peace and security.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) V.J. MWAANGA
Permanent Representative of Zambia
to the United Nations
