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LETTER DATED 12 MAY 1970 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON TO  
THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following:

At 4.45 a.m. Beirut local time today, Israeli armed forces launched an invasion of Southern Lebanon.

Israeli armoured and infantry units in large proportions have penetrated Lebanese territory. Israeli air force and artillery are at this time bombarding several towns and villages.

This act of aggression against Lebanon is in flagrant violation of the Lebanon-Israel armistice agreement and the provisions of the United Nations Charter.

In view of the gravity of the situation endangering the peace and the security of Lebanon and of the area, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Edouard GHORRA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Lebanon