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LETTER DATED 2 AUGUST 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
JORDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit the following message dated 2 August 1982 from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization, concerning Israel's continuing violations and advances in various parts of West Beirut in flagrant violation of Security Council resolution 516 (1982), adopted on 1 August 1982.

Furthermore, the Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in West Beirut has informed its Permanent Observer that no one on behalf of General Erskine has yet contacted PLO in Beirut, in spite of the latter's attempts to contact them. It should be mentioned here that United Nations representatives have moved to the eastern section of the capital since the beginning of the war.

I request, Excellency, that this letter and the attached letter from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex I

Letter dated 2 August 1982 from the Permanent Observer of
the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am instructed by Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization to refer to Security Council resolution 516 (1982) and to the commitment of the Palestine Liberation Organization to accept the text of the said resolution and to co-operate fully with the United Nations observers.

I am instructed to bring the following to your immediate attention.

Since 2 a.m. Beirut local time, the Israelis have been firing shells intermittently at the southern region. Bulldozers began digging trenches in front of positions and earth-works. A tank advanced and moved backwards.

Since 6.20 a.m., the Israelis have been violating the cease-fire in Ouzai area, shelling intermittently with tank artillery and machine-guns.

At 7.12 a.m., the same tank that had moved forward began shelling the southern region.

At 7.45 a.m., Israeli sniping at Ouzai region began.

At 8 a.m., Israeli tanks advanced from the Sciences Faculty Building of the Lebanese University and released smoke, then continued their advance towards Hai al-Sillum and took positions.

At 10.05 a.m., the Israeli forces were still firing with tanks and machine-guns at Hai al-Sillum as well as Lailaki.

At 10.10 a.m., the Israelis were advancing to the edges of Hai al-Sillum.

At 10.25 a.m., eight large and small vehicles advanced from south to north on the western runway of Beirut International Airport.

At 10.30 a.m., Israeli forces intermittently shelled the Ouzai area.

At 10.55 a.m., Israel engaged tank fire on Hai al-Sillum and Tahwita, and reinforced their positions while trying to advance in small jumps.

Israeli violations of the cease-fire were continuing into the afternoon hours, with the shelling at 2.45 p.m. of Ouzai, Hai al-Sillum and Burj al-Barajneh refugee camps. Israeli tanks also took up new advance forward positions at several points along the front lines.

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Sir, in spite of the Palestine Liberation Organization's commitment to the cease-fire, Israel is trying to advance, and its aggression continues against the Lebanese and Palestinian civilian populations.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI
Permanent Observer

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Annex II

From: Chairman Arafat
To: Zuhdi
2/8/82
1700 Local time

Re your telex on contacts with Erskine, no one has yet contacted us, despite our attempts to contact them. They have moved United Nations headquarters to east sector of the capital since the beginning of the war.
