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LETTER DATED 12 MAY 1972 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN TO THE UNITED
NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to request that the enclosed statement regarding recent
aggression against the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen be circulated as an
official document of the Security Council.

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Statement regarding recent aggression against the People's
Democratic Republic of Yemen

On 30 November 1967, the four-year struggle of the Yemeni people, led by the National Liberation Front, against British colonial rule in southern Yemen was crowned by the achievement of full independence and the withdrawal of all British colonial forces. At the same time, the British puppet sheikhs and sultans were smashed, and the country was united under the revolutionary leadership of the National Liberation Front. Ever since, the British military forces in Oman, together with world imperialism and local reactionaries aided by foreign powers, have indulged in military provocations and infiltrations. Military pressures of every kind have been exerted on the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen in an attempt to disrupt its economic development in flagrant violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

British military forces stationed in Oman conspicuously escalated their provocations beginning in mid-April 1972. On 15 April 1972, three military warships violated our territorial waters in an apparent move to perpetrate further acts of aggression. Again on 17 April a British aircraft carrier, which was later used as a launching pad for fighter aircraft, violated our territorial waters.

All this was but a prelude to the criminal and flagrant attack launched on 4 May 1972 upon our posts and forces in Habrut, Wadi Sagwat and Jabal Raboot in our Sixth Province along our eastern borders. The enemy bombed our eastern district, using hooker hunter planes, artillery and other medium and light weapons, thus killing five civilians and destroying vehicles and a police station. The British aircraft used incendiary bombs, which resulted in the burning of farms and palm trees at Wadi Habrut. At the same time, British helicopters landed followers of agent Sultan Qabus of Oman and other mercenaries in the Habrut area in an attempt to besiege the post and occupy it. However, our forces gallantly repelled the invaders.

The Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen has already lodged repeated protests to the British Government and has cited more than 119 incidents of British aircraft violations of our air space, as well as numerous violations of our territorial waters by British vessels. However, these acts have not been halted, and a dangerous escalation of aggression is under way.

It is now clear that the British bases of Massira, Duqum, Salalah, Om-Al-Ghwarif and Nazwa, situated in Oman are being used for militaristic ends against the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen. Reports of plans by the British colonial forces and the local reactionary circles to invade and dismember our Fifth and Sixth Provinces have been reaching us with regularity. Preparations for a large-scale invasion of our country appear to be progressing.

Since the first day of our independence it has been evident that world imperialism and its local reactionary Powers would not tolerate a progressive

régime in the Arabian Peninsula, where their vital economic and strategic interests are at stake. This latest act of aggression is aimed at curtailing the ever increasing victories of the Popular Front for the Liberation of the Occupied Arabian Gulf and Oman, which is liberating the area from the remnants of colonialism.

It is not accidental that the British colonial forces and their lackeys are attacking the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen at a time when American imperialism is desperately escalating its war of aggression against the heroic people of Viet-Nam. For, the American war machinery deployed against the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and throughout Indo-China is being run by the oil that comes from the Arabian Gulf area. To subdue the revolutionary forces in the Arabian Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula is to insure the flow of oil to the imperialistic Anglo-American war machine.

Nevertheless, the invincible revolutionary movement in Viet-Nam, in Palestine, in the Arabian Gulf and all over the world will fight right on to the end. And the people and Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen will determinedly defend their sovereignty and territorial integrity. We paid a high price for the realization of our independence, and we shall preserve this independence and the great sacrifices of our people at any cost.
