LETTER DATED 17 JULY 1972 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
OF ALGERIA, BAHRAIN, EGYPT, IRAQ, KUWAIT, LEBANON, LIBYA,
MOORE, OMAN, PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN, SUDAN,
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TUNISIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND
YEMEN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to reiterate to
the members of the Security Council our position regarding the question of the
three Arab Islands, namely Abu Musa, the Greater Tunb, and the Lesser Tunb which
have been militarily occupied by Iran and of which the Security Council is seized.

Our position has been very clear on this question. We affirm that the Islands
are Arab, and history attests to the continued Arab identity and character of
these Islands. In this regard, decisions taken by the Council of the League of
Arab States affirmed the stand of the Arab Governments, members of the League of
Arab States, that the Islands are Arab and constitute an integral part of the
United Arab Emirates and of the Arab homeland.

We have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official

Signatories to letter by 15 Arab States:

Representative of:
1. Algeria
2. Bahrain
3. Egypt
4. Iraq
5. Kuwait
6. Lebanon
7. Libya
8. Morocco
9. Oman
10. People's Democratic Republic
    of Yemen
11. Sudan
12. Syrian Arab Republic
13. Tunisia
14. United Arab Emirates
15. Yemen