The Arab blockade of the Straits of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba is an attack on the very life of the State of Israel and its people. It is also an attack on principles of international law and order, without which the condition of the world becomes "a condition of war of everyone against everyone."

As responsible members of the academic community, we must not stand by in silence in the face of Arab threats, illegal blockades and massive mobilization aimed at the destruction of the people and State of Israel. We condemn these acts. In the words of President Johnson, the blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba is "illegal and potentially disastrous to the cause of peace."

We therefore call upon the administration and Congress of the United States firmly to maintain its commitment to safeguard the integrity of the State of Israel and to restore the freedom of passage through the Gulf of Aqaba, an international waterway.

Our generation has witnessed the monstrous results of silence.