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The following information from the Registry of the International Court of Justice is communicated to the Press:

On October 28th, 1957, the United States Ambassador transmitted to the Registrar of the International Court of Justice an Application by his Government instituting proceedings before the Court against the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria in respect of an aerial incident which occurred on July 27th, 1955.

The aircraft shot down on that date belonged to an Israeli civil airline company and was carrying several United States nationals, who, like the other passengers and the members of the crew, were killed.

As set forth in the Application and annexed documents (exchange of Notes between the two Governments concerned), the Bulgarian Government accepted liability to the United States Government for the damage thus caused to its nationals and promised compensation, but subsequently went back on that decision.

The Hague, October 29th, 1957.
