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CARTA DE FECHA 1° DE DICIEMBRE DE 1998 DIRIGIDA AL PRESIDENTE DEL
CONSEJO DE SEGURIDAD POR EL REPRESENTANTE PERMANENTE DEL SUDÁN
ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS

Adjunto (véase el anexo) un artículo de Agence France Presse de fecha 29 de noviembre de 1998 que cita al senador Arlen Specter (republicano por Pensilvania), que declaró a Fox News que no cree que las pruebas que vinculan la fábrica Al-Shifa con la producción de armas químicas sean abrumadoras. También dijo que "deberíamos averiguar los hechos" e instó al Congreso a investigar el ataque de la fábrica Al-Shifa de Jartum con misiles.

Le agradecería que hiciera distribuir la presente carta y su anexo como documento del Consejo de Seguridad.

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WASHINGTON (November 29, 1998) - Congress should look into whether a U.S. missile strike on a pharmaceuticals plant in Sudan in August was justified, a leading senator said Sunday.

Speaking on the Fox News talk show Sunday, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Penn., said evidence linking the plant to chemical weapons production had not been "overwhelming."

"I do not believe that the evidence is overwhelming," said Specter. "We ought to be finding the facts."

The Aug. 20 strike ordered by President Clinton came two weeks after U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania were blown up in terrorist attacks.

U.S. officials maintain that the plant was engaged in chemicals weapons production and was linked to the chief suspect in the embassy bombings, terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden.

Specter said Congress should hold closed-door hearings to probe the missile attack on the Al Shifa plant in Khartoum, which Sudan says produced only medicine.

"We ought to be having closed door hearings to find out exactly what went on," Specter said.

Former president Jimmy Carter has also called for an investigation into the attack on the factory, suggesting that a technical team inspect the remains of the plant and take samples of soil and building materials.

U.S. officials say soil samples taken near the factory prove the plant was engaged in production of an agent used in deadly nerve gas.

The attack was launched three days after Clinton acknowledged in a nationally-televised address that he had an "inappropriate" relationship with former intern Lewinsky.

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On the day of the strike. Specter, a member of the Senate defense appropriations subcommittee, said that the timing raised "certain concerns."

Many Clinton critics have charged that the president ordered the attack to divert attention away from the White House sex-and-perjury probe.
