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给安全理事会主席的信

谨随函附上法国新闻社 1998 年 11 月 29 日的一篇文章(见附件),其中引述了阿伦·斯佩克特参议员(宾州 - 共和党)的话。该参议员对福克斯新闻部说,他不认为有确凿的证据证明希法厂与化学武器的生产有关。他还说,“我们应当查明真相”,并要求国会对导弹袭击喀土穆希法厂一事进行调查。

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附 件

Specter wants probe into U.S. missile attack on Sudan

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Specter wants probe into U.S. missile attack on Sudan

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.

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.
