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ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a piece of news which is self-explanatory.

It would be highly appreciated if this news could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

The United States toxic chemical delivery to Baghdad

Teheran, 3 July, IRNA - More details have been revealed today on the delivery of two tons of solidified gas to Iraq by the United States military forces last January.

The Director of the War Information Headquarters, Dr. Kamal Kharrazi, told IRNA that documents obtained by the headquarters include a letter on the transfer of the chemical from California to the U.S. Air Force base in Torrejon, Spain and then to Baghdad, by two special flights Nos. SR-71-E and SR-02-F on 21 January.

The letter was signed by a United States Military Officer, Major P. R. Prices.

"The obtained documents would be kept at the War Information Headquarters for the time being for security reasons and would be published at an appropriate time," Dr. Kharrazi said as he showed some of the documents to the IRNA correspondent.

He said the United States has reacted "hurriedly in being the first country to condemn the Iraqi régime for its use of chemical weapons against Iran".

"Statements by American and Iraqi officials show that the Americans, who themselves provided the chemical to Iraq, condemned Iraq in a hurried and hypocritical manner." At the same time the mass media carried reports quoting American sources that the United States was aware of the Iraqi attempt to obtain chemical weapons for two years. This was at a time when American officials made a propaganda manoeuvre and banned the export of any kind of chemical materials used in chemical weapons to Iraq two weeks after Iraq's widespread chemical attack against Iran.

After the official denial by the United States State Department, the United States Senator Alan Cranston admitted that several American institutes had supplied Iraq with components of chemical weapons to be used against Iran's Muslim combatants.
