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LETTER DATED 30 JANUARY 1986 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to the recent Iraqi letter dated 28 January 1986 (S/17768) containing Iraqi allegations of attacks by the forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran against Iraqi civilian quarters, I wish to invite your attention to the fact that, as already predicted in my letters of 2 and 3 January 1986 these allegations are mere fabrications with the sole aim of creating the pretext for the Iraqi war of cities. Had the Iraqi allegations had any truth at all, the Ba'athist Government of Iraq could have and indeed would have readily invited the United Nations team, stationed in Baghdad, to visit the areas allegedly attacked and thus provide the necessary proof and documentation that such attacks had taken place.

We are prepared to grant all the necessary safety assurances, should the rulers of Baghdad wish to substantiate their allegations with evidence by inviting the United Nations team, stationed in Baghdad, solely for the purpose of visiting the areas allegedly bombarded by our forces.

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

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