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LETTER DATED 5 JULY 1991 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letter of yesterday's date (S/22761), I wish to inform you that, while in Geneva on 4 July 1991 and having received the report of the high-level mission which I had earlier dispatched to Iraq at the request of the members of the Security Council, I asked the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva to see me.

In our meeting, at which I was accompanied by the members of the high-level mission, I asked the Permanent Representative to convey an informal paper to H.E. Mr. Saddam Hussein, President of the Republic of Iraq. The Permanent Representative undertook to do so immediately. The text of the paper is attached as annex I to the present letter.

I have today received in response a communication from His Excellency the President of Iraq, under cover of a transmittal note signed by the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations in New York. The texts of both the transmittal note and the President's communication are attached hereto as annexes II and III.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ DE CUELLAR

Annex I

[Original: English]

Paper handed by the Secretary-General to the Permanent
Representative of Iraq to the United Nations Office at
Geneva on 4 July 1991

The high-level mission was given unambiguous assurances as regards full cooperation and specific measures to ensure compliance by Iraq with its obligations under Security Council resolution 687 (1991).

However, the response by Iraq to the request for access to the objects, which the nuclear inspection team had observed on a long convoy of trucks and had endeavoured to inspect on 28 June, was deemed not satisfactory by the mission. Only a full demonstration of what all these objects were and inspection of them by a nuclear inspection team would be satisfactory.

The high-level mission noted information given to it that a decision had been taken by Iraq not to retain any items that might be in contravention with Security Council resolution 687 (1991), nuclear or other, and that equipment of the Atomic Energy Commission of Iraq had been transferred to the army, some for destruction and the other for use in the reconstruction work. Explanations were not given on what nuclear items Iraq had considered to be in contravention with Security Council resolution 687 (1991).

Full explanations about nuclear activities and equipment that had been deemed by Iraq to be in contravention of the resolution and inspection of this equipment and facilities related to them - destroyed or not - are imperative.

Annex II

[Original: English]

Letter from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instruction from my Government, I have the pleasure of enclosing herewith a facsimile message in Arabic from H.E. President Saddam Hussein dated 5 July 1991 (Baghdad time) in reply to Your Excellency's message handed to the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Ambassador Barzan Al-Tikriti.

(Signed) Abdul-Amir AL-ANBARI
Iraq's Permanent Representative

Annex III

[Original: Arabic]

Letter dated 5 July 1991 (Baghdad time) from President
Saddam Hussein addressed to the Secretary-General

We highly appreciate the initiative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and affirm the guarantees, given to the high-level mission during its visit to Baghdad, whereby prompt and unimpeded access will be ensured to the locations and items designated for inspection in accordance with Security Council resolution 687 (1991), in addition to guaranteeing the security and safety of members of the inspection team. We also affirm that Iraq is committed to the fulfilment of its obligations under the aforesaid resolution.

With respect to the concerns of the mission, it has been arranged that the mission should be provided with a list of the items about which it sought information. This list will be ready on the evening of Sunday, 7 July, or the morning of Monday, 8 July 1991, at which time it may be studied by the inspection team.
