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LETTER DATED 2 SEPTEMBER 1986 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.  
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 31 August 1986 addressed to you, I have the honour to inform you that the Iranian régime carried out its threats in the early morning yesterday, 1 September 1986, when it launched a large-scale offensive on the Fifth Army Corps front in northern Iraq. Our heroic forces repulsed and frustrated this attack.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annexes (military communiqués Nos. 2344, 2345 and 2346, issued on 1 and 2 September 1986 by the General Command of the Iraqi Armed Forces) circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali Mahmoud SUMAIDA  
Alternate Permanent Representative  
and Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex I

COMMUNIQUE NO. 2344 OF 1 SEPTEMBER 1986, CONCERNING THE REPULSION  
OF THE IRANIAN ATTACK ON THE NORTHERN SECTOR

Precisely one hour after midnight on 31 August/1 September, the Iranian enemy launched a large-scale attack on our national territory from two axes in the area of Hajj Umran, with a strength of three divisions. The resistance was admirable and such as you are used to seeing from your sons - the heroic resistance of the sons of the two rivers in the heroic Fifth Army Corps. In the face of it, all the arrows of treachery and baseness were shattered, and the evil dreams of the wretched expansionists were annihilated, after their skulls had been trampled under the feet of those who believe in God and in his cause. Kudmand, Kardku and A'inah Azizah remained unblemished and dear to their people.

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Annex II

COMMUNIQUE NO. 2345 OF 1 SEPTEMBER 1986

1. Our Air Force was able to provide precision support for our forces on the front of the Fifth Army Corps, which was cutting off Khomeinist heads so as to ensure an extensive massacre of those renegade oppressors. Three assaults by this valiant force resulted in the destruction of five enemy helicopters on the ground. The Air Force also carried out 116 combat missions.
2. The helicopter pilots carried out 99 combat sorties, in the course of which they devastated large enemy concentrations confronting our forces on the Fifth Army Corps front.
3. A heroic force from our valiant formations made an attack in the sector of operations east of Maysan on areas where the enemy confronted them, and it was able to cause severe losses, in the enemy ranks.
4. Our units in the central sector of the theatre of operations subjected enemy positions to concentrated fire.
5. Destruction of one vessel and two infantry positions in the sector of operations east of Basra.
6. A group of Iranians took refuge with our unit.
7. Our criminal enemy, who has tasted defeat at the hands of our valiant forces, has found naught wherewith to treat his wounds save the shelling of residential quarters with long-range artillery.

The wretched Khomeinists today shelled residential areas in the city of Basra with long-range artillery. The enemy shelling resulted in the wounding of three civilian citizens and damage to seven dwelling-houses, one primary school and 14 civilian vehicles.

Annex III

COMMUNIQUE NO. 2346 OF 2 SEPTEMBER 1986

1. (a) Last night and this morning the enemy repeated his offensive attempts against our units in the Fifth Army Corps along the same lines of attack as yesterday and suffered a devastating defeat. Estimated enemy losses totalled 3,000 dead and twice that number wounded.

(b) In a desperate propaganda attempt, the enemy tried, at dawn today, to attack the oil-loading platform left in the waters of the Gulf in front of the deep-water port at a distance of 30 kilometres off our coast opposite Ras al-Bishah.

Our heroic Air Force dealt with the attacking force with its powerful weapons and in co-ordination with our Navy.

2. Our Air Force continued to perform glorious feats today and inflicted more losses in the sectors of operation through 176 combat missions. Our Air Force also mowed down the overwhelming majority of the remnants of the enemy, who were driven towards the deep-water port, and it sank 32 vessels, in addition to carrying out the following missions.

- (a) Directing a devastating blow against Khaneh camp;
- (b) An attack on Biswah camp;
- (c) A strike at a large naval target near the Iranian coast;
- (d) A strike against two pumping stations at Ahwaz at 3.20 p.m. today;
- (e) A strike against the pumping station in the Marun oil fields.

3. The helicopter pilots were able, through 53 successful combat sorties, to inflict huge losses of men and matériel on the aggressors, as well as destroying 8 vessels.

4. Our units in the sector of operations east of the Tigris (the Sixth Army Corps) lay in wait for an enemy force being transported in 12 vessels that was trying to approach their advance positions. They attacked it and were able to hit a number of the enemy vessels.

5. The killing of 11 of the enemy and the destruction of a vehicle in the northern sector.

6. The destruction of one infantry gun and one machine gun and the burning of two ammunition dumps in the central sector.

7. The killing of two of the enemy, the destruction of one vehicle and one ammunition dump and the igniting of large-scale fires on the enemy side on the Seventh Army Corps front.

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8. As an expression of the criminal Iranian régime's inability to face up to the valiant men of Iraq on the battlefield, yesterday evening and today its forces shelled residential quarters in the city of Basra and the districts of Qurna and Badrah with long-range artillery. The enemy shelling resulted in the death of three citizens, including one woman, the wounding of 35 civilian citizens, including six children and one woman, the destruction of six dwelling-houses and damage to 20 other dwelling-houses, five civilian vehicles and one store in the city of Basra and the death of one civilian citizen and one woman in Qurna district.

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