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LETTER DATED 13 JANUARY 1987 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 10 January 1987 addressed to you by Mr. Tariq Aziz, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, I have the honour to inform you that Radio Teheran's broadcast in the Persian language at 1330 hours (local time) on 11 January 1987 stated that the Iranian régime's Minister for Revolutionary Guards reviewed "latest reports on the progress of the Islamic forces in the liberated areas" during the Government meeting that day. Radio Teheran also broadcast a statement attributed to Mousavi, the Prime Minister of the Iranian régime, in which he said that "the soldiers of Islam had won a strategic victory by bringing us closer to the important city of Basra".

These statements, which once again indicate the aggressive expansionist policy of the Iranian régime, provide definite proof of the conclusions we drew in our many previous letters to you, namely that the basic objective of the Iranian régime is to occupy the southern portion of Iraq and to establish a puppet Government there.

While the Government of my country calls on the United Nations to shoulder its full responsibilities under the Charter to prevent the Iranian aggression, the leaders and people of Iraq will spare no effort in using all the means and measures at their disposal to crush the Iranian aggressors in an act of self-defence.

I would be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI
Permanent Representative
