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LETTER DATED 24 SEPTEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft are continuing their violations of Iraqi airspace, as follows:

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- 1. United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace on 21/22 September 1991 for purposes of observation and provocation by means of 20 sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 750 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,500 to 7,500 metres.
- 2. The hostile air activity was centred over Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

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- 1. United States aircraft have continued to violate Iraqi airspace. Their activity on 22/23 September 1991 amounted to 28 sorties flown by 12 two-aircraft formations and one 4-aircraft formation at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes ranging from 2,000 to 7,000 metres. They centred over Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Tall'afar and Amadiyah for purposes of observation and provocation.
- 2. At 1230 hours on the same day, a formation of two F-16 aircraft flew over the Firnas airbase at an altitude of 2,500 metres and at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour.
- 3. At 1750 hours on the same day, a helicopter was seen hovering over the area to the south of Dohuk.

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

(<u>Signed</u>) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI Ambassador Permanent Representative