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Letter dated 30 December 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the United States air force is continuing to violate Iraqi air space. Here is a list of the most recent violations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
18/19 December 1991	Eight sorties flown by four two-aircraft formations. These sorties, carried out at speeds of 680 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,500 to 6,000 metres, were centred on Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Al Amadiyah. At 0955 hours, two F-16 aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 1,000 metres, flew over the Al Faruq airport.
19/20 December 1991	20 sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations. These sorties, carried out at speeds of 750 to 980 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,000 to 6,000 metres, were centred on Al Amadiyah, Dohuk, Zakho, Mosul, Arbil, Tall Afar, Sangar, Ayn Zalah, Dukan and Rawanduz.
20/21 December 1991	19 sorties flown by nine two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft. These sorties, carried out at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,000 to 8,000 metres, were centred on Dohuk, Zakho, Mosul, Arbil, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Al Amadiyah.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
22/23 December 1991	<p>23 sorties flown by 11 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft. These sorties, carried out at speeds of 600 to 950 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 7,500 metres, were centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah, Arbil and Al Amadiyah.</p> <p>At 0905 hours, a formation of F-111s flying at a speed of 700 kilometres per hour and at altitude of 1,000 metres approached the Al Faruq and Firas airports.</p>
23/24 December 1991	<p>38 sorties flown by 19 two-aircraft formations. These sorties, carried out at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,500 to 6,000 metres, were centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Al Amadiyah, Arbil, Tall Afar, Dukan and Ayn Zalah.</p>
24/25 December 1991	<p>20 sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations. These sorties, carried out at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 7,500 metres, were centred on Arbil, Mosul, Tall Afar, Al Amadiyah, Dohuk and Zakho.</p> <p>Between 1018 and 1311 hours, six two-aircraft formations consisting of F-16, F-111 and F-14 aircraft, flew over Al Faruq airport at speeds of 500 to 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 100 to 1,500 metres.</p>
27/28 December 1991	<p>24 sorties flown by 12 two-aircraft formations. These sorties, carried out at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 6,500 metres, were centred on Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Al Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Zakho.</p>

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

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