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LETTER DATED 20 OCTOBER 1987 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following American attacks against civilian areas of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

On 6 October 1987, at approximately 1100 hours (local time), five American warplanes violated the airspace of Chahbahar. This airspace was again violated on 19 October 1987 two different times: by five American warplanes at approximately 1700 hours (local time) and by two American warplanes at approximately 1900 hours (local time).

These violations constitute provocations which the United States undertakes in pursuit of its illegal goals and in violation of the rules of international law, paragraph 5 of resolution 598 (1987) as well as the territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran. By such blatant acts of aggression, the United States has lost all legitimacy not only within the Security Council but also in participating in any discussions concerning the issue of the imposed war. The Islamic Republic of Iran hereby requests that Your Excellency and the international community deploy all efforts to prevent any further United States acts of aggression in the region which may entail grave consequences.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Said RAJAIE-KHORASSANI
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