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LETTER DATED 24 SEPTEMBER 1980 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In pursuance of the consultations of the Security Council on the evening of
23 September I transmitted the enclosed appeal to the Presidents of Iran and Iraq.
You may wish to bring the text of this appeal to the attention of the members of
the Security Council.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM

Annex

Letter dated 23 September 1980 from the Secretary-General addressed to
the Presidents of Iran and Iraq

You will have been informed by your representatives here at the United Nations of the appeal which I addressed to the Governments of Iran and Iraq on 22 September 1980, to exercise the utmost restraint and to do what they could to negotiate a solution to their difficulties. Since that time, the President of the Security Council has also appealed on behalf of the members of the Security Council to the Governments of Iran and Iraq to desist, as a first step towards a solution of the conflict, from all armed activity and all acts that may worsen the present dangerous situation and to settle their dispute by peaceful means.

I wish to communicate to you personally my extreme concern at the continuing conflict between Iran and Iraq. Quite apart from the suffering and damage caused to the two countries, the international community is profoundly concerned both at the possible repercussions of this conflict on international peace and security and of its inevitable economic consequences both in the region and in other parts of the world.

Without prejudice to the rights, claims and positions of the parties in the present case, I earnestly appeal to you once again to heed the appeals addressed to you with a view to ending the bloodshed and destruction immediately, and to avail yourself of the various good offices which have been offered with a view to assisting the two Governments to settle their differences by peaceful means. As you know, I myself have offered my good offices. I have done this in full consciousness of the difficulties and dangers of the current situation and of my responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations.

I would appreciate an early and positive response from you on this vitally important matter.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM
Secretary-General
United Nations
