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LETTER DATED 20 APRIL 1988 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 20 April 1988 addressed to you by His Excellency Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, regarding the new Iranian attack on Kuwait this morning.

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

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 20 April 1988 from the Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait addressed to the
Secretary-General

Iran has carried out a new act of aggression against Kuwait by firing a Scud missile into Kuwaiti territory at 3.15 a.m. on Wednesday, the fourth day of Ramadan A.H. 1408 (20 April A.D. 1988). Kuwait has expressed its extreme indignation and condemnation, and vehemently protests against this deliberate and unjustified assault on the security and safety of Kuwait.

Meanwhile, Kuwait reserves the right to take appropriate measures in the face of this attack and holds Iran accountable for the legal and material consequences resulting from it. The continuation and repetition of such hostile acts will heighten the tension in the region at a time when Kuwait is making an effort, with all the parties concerned, to calm the situation and to create the appropriate conditions for resolving the tragic conflict between the two Muslim neighbours, Iraq and Iran.

In the meantime, the Iranian Chargé d'affaires was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he was presented with Kuwait's strong protest at this heinous assault against its territory. This aggression was preceded by false Iranian accusations, of which we have already informed you in a previous letter concerning the Iranian threats against Kuwait.

(Signed) Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber AL-SABAH
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Foreign Affairs

