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LETTER DATED 18 MAY 1995 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 have continued to violate Iraqi airspace during the period 21 to 30 April 1995 on reconnaissance and provocation flights.

<u>Date</u> <u>Details</u>

21 April 1995 (a) Northern region: 11 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Mossoul, Dohouk, Tal Afar, Zakho,

Aïn Zala and Amadiya.

(b) Southern region: 22 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Nassiriya, Samawa, Joulaïba, Artawi

and Bassiya.

On the same day two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying southern Iraq at 600 kilometres per hour at an altitude of 20,000 metres, as detailed below:

- The first flight lasted from 1000 to 1132, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait;
- 2. The second flight lasted from 1345 to 1510, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait.

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22 April 1995 (a) Northern region: 13 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Zakho, Dohouk, Amadiya, Mossoul,

Tal Afar, Aïn Zala and Agra.

(b) Southern region: 61 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Qorna, Nassiriya, Bassiya, Chebaïsh,

Samawa, Salmane, Chinafiya, Jouliba and Artawi.

On the same day two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying southern Iraq at 600 kilometres per hour at an altitude of 20,000 metres, as detailed below:

 The first flight lasted from 0950 to 1202, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait;

 The second flight lasted from 1245 to 1455, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait.

23 April 1995 Southern region: 56 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Basra, Nassiriya, Samawa, Chinafiya,

Salmane, Qorna, Joulaïba, Chebaïsh and Artawi.

24 April 1995 (a) Northern region: 19 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Mossoul, Dohouk, Tal Afar, Zakho and

Amadiya.

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(b) Southern region: 42 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Nassiriya, Samawa, Salmane,

Chinafiya, Joulaïba and Artawi.

On the same day two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying southern Iraq at 600 kilometres per hour at an altitude of 20,000 metres, as detailed below:

- 1. The first flight lasted from 0955 to 1122, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait;
- The second flight lasted from 1250 to 1420, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait.
- On the same day at 1245 a flight of two enemy aircraft released three flares near the town of Mossoul in the governorate of Ninive.
- On the same day at 1246 a flight of two enemy aircraft broke the sound barrier near the town of Khalis in the governorate of Diyala.

25 April 1995 (a) Northern region: 10 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Zakho, Dohouk, Mossoul, Arbil,

Tal Afar, Amadiya and Aïn Zala.

(b) Southern region: 54 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Basra, Qorna, Chebaïsh, Nassiriya,

Samawa, Salmane, Bassiya, Joulaïba and Artawi.

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On the same day two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying southern Iraq at 600 kilometres per hour at an altitude of 20,000 metres, as detailed below:

- The first flight lasted from 1015 to 1210, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait;
- The second flight lasted from 1335 to 1527, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait.

26 April 1995 (a) Northern region: 15 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Dohouk, Arbil, Mossoul, Tal Afar, Zakho and Amadiya.

(b) Southern region: 31 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Nassiriya, Samawa, Chebaïsh, Basra, Artawi, Qorna and Joulaïba.

On the same day, at 1310, an enemy flight broke the sound barrier over the Souq al-Chouyoukh region.

27 April 1995 (a) Northern region: 7 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Mossoul, Arbil, Dohouk, Tal Afar, Aïn Zala and Amadiya.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Nassiriya, Samawa, Basra, Salmane,

Joulaïba, Artawi and Bassiya.

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28 April 1995 (a) Northern region: 27 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Zakho, Amadiya, Dohouk, Mossoul,

Aqra, Arbil, Tal Afar and Aïn Zala.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Artawi, Joulaïba, Samawa, Bassiya,

Nassiriya, Chebaïsh, Salmane, Lassaf and Qorna.

29 April 1995 Southern region: 52 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Nassiriya, Samawa, Amara, Basra, Qorna, Chebaïsh and Chinafiya.

- On the same day two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying southern Iraq at 600 kilometres per hour at an altitude of 20,000 metres, as detailed below:
 - 1. The first flight lasted from 1015 to 1135, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait;
 - 2. The second flight lasted from 1320 to 1435, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait.

30 April 1995 Southern region: 39 sorties

Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour

Altitude: medium

Areas overflown: Nassiriya, Samawa, Qorna, Joulaïba,

Salmane, Artawi and Bassiya.

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- On the same day two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying southern Iraq at 600 kilometres per hour at an altitude of 20,000 metres, as detailed below:
 - 1. The first flight lasted from 1210 to 1237, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait;
 - The second flight lasted from 1210 to 1430, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait.

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

(<u>Signed</u>) Nizar HAMDOON

Ambassador

Permanent Representative
