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LETTER DATED 11 NOVEMBER 1980 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I wish to refer to your statement of 5 November about the situation between Iran and Iraq (S/14244). In that statement you mentioned that members of the Council welcomed the fact that in the exercise of his good offices the Secretary-General was considering sending a representative to the region in order to facilitate authoritative communication with and between the Governments concerned so that negotiations for peace could proceed on an urgent basis.

Since that time I have been in touch with the Governments of Iran and Iraq and have today been informed by both of them that they would accept my sending a representative to the region as soon as possible. I have therefore asked Mr. Olof Palme of Sweden to serve in this capacity and to proceed as soon as possible to the area. I am glad to inform the Council that Mr. Palme has accepted this assignment and will be undertaking his duties shortly.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM
