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LETTER DATED 11 AUGUST 1988 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 28 July 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations, contained in document S/20072, I have the honour to inform that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran categorically denies the allegation that as a result of an Iranian gunboat attack against a Kuwaiti fishing boat, three Egyptians lost their lives. Such baseless allegations against the Islamic Republic of Iran can only increase tension in the Persian Gulf, if not specifically designed for that purpose. The Islamic Republic of Iran is, nevertheless, determined to continue to protect freedom of commercial navigation in the Persian Gulf.

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

(Signed) Mohammad Ja'afar MAHALLATI  
Ambassador  
Acting Permanent Representative