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LETTER DATED 4 AUGUST 1988 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 transmit to you herewith the text of the statement issued today by an Iraqi military spokesman refuting the allegations of the Iranian régime.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement by the official spokesman of the armed forces high command

The Iraqi military spokesman denied the Iranian allegations to the effect that Iraqi aircraft had the previous day dropped bombs containing chemical agents on the town of Oshnavye in north-west Iran. The spokesman continued as follows:

"By means of these completely unfounded allegations, the Iranian régime is seeking to justify the continuation of its policy of aggression and the obstacles it is placing in the way of the implementation of the Security Council resolution, in its spirit and in its letter and in accordance with the sequence of its paragraphs, invoking false pretexts to avoid engaging in direct negotiations with a view to ending the conflict".

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