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Identical letters dated 31 January 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities carried out by the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 31 January 2003.

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

(Signed) Mohammed A. Aldouri
Permanent Representative

Annex to the identical letters dated 31 January 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

Activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Report on activities carried out on Friday, 31 January 2003

I. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

A team of 10 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.50 a.m. and arrived at the Agricultural Supplies Company, which belongs to the Ministry of Agriculture and is located in the Waziriyah area of Baghdad. The team made a tour of the outside of the site, then inspected the Archive Department and the Warehouse Accounts Department and enquired about the stock of agricultural pesticides in hand, the amounts sold and the amounts received. The mission lasted 1 hour and 45 minutes, after which the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

II. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

A team of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the 7 Nisan Company, which belongs to the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC) and is located in the Nahrawan area, 40 kilometres east of Baghdad. The team inspected the buildings housing the machinery and equipment and requested diagrams of the electrical system for the Fath missile. The team then asked to inspect storage areas belonging to the Company and situated outside its main enclosure. Because no keys to those storage areas were available, since it was Friday, the official and religious holiday in Iraq, the inspection was postponed to a later time. The mission lasted 3 hours and 10 minutes, after which the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

A team of six inspectors took off from Rashid airfield in two helicopters at 10.50 a.m., heading for the Khan Bani Sa'd area located 30 kilometres east of Baghdad, via the agricultural airfield belonging to the State Crop Protection Board of the Ministry of Agriculture. Before reaching the town of Ba'qubah, the two aircraft separated.

The first aircraft headed for the Tuwaythah region (site of the Atomic Energy Organization) and video and still photographs were taken for 20 minutes. Next the aircraft proceeded to the Salman site (disbanded technical research centre) and engaged in aerial reconnaissance and photography operations for 20 minutes. It then proceeded to a transmitting station situated in an area close to the Salman Bak district and reconnoitred it for 10 minutes. Upon the completion of the mission, which lasted 1 hour and 40 minutes, the aircraft returned to the Rashid airfield.

The second aircraft headed towards the area of Fallujah-2 and Fallujah-3, which belong to the Tariq State Company, an MIC establishment, and overflew the area for 15 minutes, photographing the Tigris River and Lake Tharthar. The aircraft returned to the Rashid airfield upon the completion of its mission, which lasted 1 hour and 55 minutes.

IV. UNMOVIC joint inspection team

A team of 11 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9 a.m. and arrived at the Yarmuk State Company, an MIC establishment located in the Abu Ghrayb area west of Baghdad. The team met one of the site officials and asked him questions about the present name and affiliation of the Company; its activity since 1998; the types of munitions produced; the name of the general manager of the Company; whether there was any activity on that day, inasmuch as it was an official holiday; and whether there were any computers in the Company. The team then inspected the Company facilities, the equipment warehouses, the chemical warehouse, the gunpowder warehouse, the consumable materials warehouse and the firing range. The mission lasted 3 hours and 20 minutes, after which the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

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