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LETTER DATED 6 JANUARY 1989 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF  
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to document S/20147 of 24 August 1988, containing a note by Your Excellency on the report of the Mission dispatched by the Secretary-General on the situation of prisoners of war in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq, which in its paragraph 110 speaks about 30,000 people of Iranian-Arab origin from the border Province of Khuzistan interned in villages in the Mizan area.

In discussion of the same subject-matter in paragraph 116, the same group of 30,000 Arabic speaking Iranian civilians have been referred to as "Arabistanis" - an unknown term with suspicious and misleading connotations. It would, therefore, be appreciated if a corrigendum were issued in all languages of the United Nations, changing the forged name of "Arabistanis" to either "Khuzistanis" or the same reference used in paragraph 110.

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

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Ambassador  
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