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LETTER DATED 22 FEBRUARY 1984 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 a communiqué issued on 21 February 1984 by the official Iraqi military spokesman concerning the shelling of the town of Chahabi.

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

(Signed) Riyadh AL-QAYSI  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Text of the communiqué issued on 21 February 1984 by the  
official Iraqi military spokesman

At precisely 5 minutes and 40 seconds after 7 o'clock this morning, the Iranian régime shelled the town of Chahabi with heavy artillery. This enemy shelling destroyed two dwelling-houses and caused damage to the town's mosque, the school and a number of civilian installations and properties. The Iranian aggressors are thus in violation of their commitments, as we were expecting. When the Iranian régime declares that it will not shell Iraqi towns, it is only seeking a way out of the difficult situation in which it finds itself with regard to the people of Iran and world public opinion. We are not wrong in our judgement of that régime and its criminal actions.

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