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LETTER DATED 5 MARCH 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 refer to the letter addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran contained in document S/16380. I have already clarified my Government's position regarding the false Iranian allegations in my letter dated 29 November 1983 (A/38/650-S/16193). The position of my Government has not changed.

It should be noted that the aforementioned Iranian letter refers to the so-called "Khayber operational theatre", which was described as follows in press release No. 385 dated 27 February 1984 issued by the Press Section of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran:

"Islamic forces launched a new major offensive in the southern sector of the battlefronts, at 2100 on February 22 ... The new massive offensive of the Islamic Republic is code-named "Khayber", the Islamic Forces in this new offensive liberated tens of kms of Iraqi territory and gained control over several strategic highways and some 26 villages inside Iraq. For the first time in the course of the 41-month-old Iraqi imposed war, the Muslim troops of Iran penetrated 40 kms. deep inside Iraqi territory."

I am certain that you and the States Members of the United Nations will draw the appropriate conclusions from this new admission by the Iranian Government that it has committed armed aggression against Iraq. I have no doubt whatsoever that you have been made aware of the desperate fate of the Iranian forces of evil and aggression by the news media, which have enlightened world public opinion on this matter. The authorities of the régime in power in Teheran are resorting to deception, deceit, falsehood and dissimulation in their desperate efforts to distract world opinion from the crime they have committed by launching military aggression on a vast scale against the international frontiers of Iraq and to disguise the failure of their evil plans against Iraq. This is the destiny that awaits all Iranian aggressive attempts in the future.

I should be grateful if you would kindly have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Riyadh M. S. AL-QAYSI
Permanent Representative