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LETTER DATED 29 FEBRUARY 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the message of
His Excellency Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of
Iran.

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

(Signed) Said RAJAIE KHORASSANI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic
Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General

As you are aware the United States has been expanding the presence of its naval forces in the Persian Gulf and the Oman Sea for some time and, on occasion, has interfered with the movement of the Iranian air force and naval fleets within the territorial waters of the Islamic Republic of Iran. On 22 January 1984, the Flight Information Center of the United States Federal Aviation Administration issued a special communiqué, code-named "KCNFYN," in which aircraft flying over the Arabian Sea above the latitude of 20 degrees N were requested to contact American navy ships on a given frequency; otherwise they would be in serious danger.

This communiqué is in clear violation of the fundamental principles of the Chicago Convention on Civil Aviation as well as other conventions concerning the laws of the sea. The claim of the said communiqué to sovereignty over an unspecified part of the free waters of the Persian Gulf, Oman Sea and Arabian Sea has no basis and is legally invalid.

This communiqué, which can be considered as a violation of the sovereignty of the coastal countries of the Persian Gulf and the Oman Sea, is taken by the Islamic Republic of Iran as a threat to the peace and security of the airspace and sea lanes in the region. In view of the special circumstances in the region, the Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates that it would exercise its rights to fulfill its commitments regarding the security and protection of its national interests within the perimeters of its territorial waters.

Ali Akbar VELAYATI
Foreign Minister of the
Islamic Republic of Iran
