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LETTER DATED 20 DECEMBER 1989 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF  
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, at 1730 hours on 14 December 1989, the armed forces of the Iranian régime abducted three unarmed soldiers of various ranks in the area of operations of the central sector. While, through an error, they were descending to a spring situated in no man's land at a distance of 250 metres from our defensive positions and 1 kilometre from the defensive positions of the Iranian régime, an armed military force surrounded the place near the spring where the soldiers were and compelled them by force of arms to proceed towards the enemy positions.

The Government of my country, in notifying you of this grave violation of the cease-fire, calls upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations to intervene with the Iranian side for the immediate release of the three soldiers, who had, unarmed, inadvertently entered no man's land, and to warn the Iranian régime against any repetition of such acts of banditry, which do not promote the peace process initiated under your auspices and which are a powerful manifestation of that régime's hostile intentions towards Iraq.

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

(Signed) Sabah Talat KADRAT  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

