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LETTER DATED 30 MAY 1985 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 successive letters concerning prisoners of war that the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran has made it his custom to address to you, including the letter dated 2 May 1985 (S/17144) and that dated 4 May 1985 (S/17216).

The basic objective in sending such letters and in requesting their distribution is to serve propagandistic purposes through self-praise of the Iranian régime's position and to release mendacious and spurious statements against Iraq in a desperate attempt to distort the facts.

You know, Sir, that Iraq has so far handed over to Iran, in batches, a number of Iranian prisoners, some with reciprocation and some without reciprocation, through the International Committee of the Red Cross and in implementation of the Geneva Conventions of 1949, as follows:

Handing over of 37 Iranian prisoners on 15 December 1981, without reciprocation;

Handing over of 40 Iranian prisoners on 25 July 1981, in exchange for 45 Iraqi prisoners;

Handing over of 32 Iranian prisoners on 30 April 1983, in exchange for 32 Iraqi prisoners;

Handing over of 180 Iranian prisoners on 29 January 1984, without reciprocation;

Handing over of 100 Iranian prisoners on 20 October 1984, without reciprocation;

Handing over of 30 Iranian prisoners on 27 May 1985, without reciprocation.

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In addition to the foregoing, Iraq has recently undertaken to inform the International Committee of the Red Cross officially of its intention to hand over 89 Iranian prisoners, without reciprocation, over the next few days.

These established facts are the strongest proof that the claim made by the Iranian authorities that they have released Iraqi prisoners of war in a unilateral manner and without reciprocation is just another of the well-known forms of deception engaged in by those authorities, and one in which they have begun to believe.

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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

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