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LETTER DATED 30 NOVEMBER 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
GUINEA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, and in anticipation of the meeting of the Security Council convened by you on the situation in Iran, I have the honour to transmit herewith a message addressed to both the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini, and the King of Saudi Arabia by the Supreme Leader of the Revolution, Comrade President Ahmed Sekou Touré, concerning the events which have occurred in those two countries.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this message circulated as a document of the Security Council under the item which it is considering.

(Signed) Ibrahima FOFANA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
Member of the Central Committee
of the State Party of Guinea

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Message addressed to the President of the Islamic Republic of
Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini, and His Majesty the King of Saudi
Arabia, by the Supreme Leader of the Guinean Revolution,
Comrade President Ahmed Sekou Touré

The Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Guinea and the Government of the Revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea, rigorously faithful to the Islamic morality practised with conviction and faith by the Moslem people of Guinea, express with the greatest indignation a vigorous protest against the armed individuals who have profaned the Grand Mosque of Mecca, an internationally recognized and respected holy place, and have, in addition, seized, under armed threat, hundreds of faithful Moslems who had come to perform their religious duty at the Holy Kaaba and were thus taken hostage by this group of terrorists.

They solemnly affirm the total solidarity of the Guinean people and Government with the people and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, victims of this unspeakable act which revolts the religious conscience and the moral sense of all mankind. They consider the attempt against the security and dignity of Saudi Arabia a systematic violation of international morality and of the rules preached by Islam, which gives a universal dimension to the ignoble coup perpetrated by this group of terrorists against all the Moslems of the world, who hope that the Saudi authorities will succeed in mastering the situation and inflicting the exemplary penalties which the criminals who have committed this ignoble offence fully deserve.

In general the Guinean people and Government, faithful to the principles of international morality, rule out any recourse to the taking of hostages, which international laws and the Holy Koran condemn. They reaffirm their high consideration for the fraternal people of Iran and their support of the Iranian people's revolution and urgently request that the Iranian authorities should examine the situation of the United States diplomats taken hostage.

Progressive States and in particular Moslem States should, in their conduct internally and externally, continue the struggle for democratic and social progress in the world without recourse to the violation of principles of conduct considered by the peoples of the world to constitute the guarantee of that same democratic and social progress. The Guinean people and Government therefore request the fraternal and friendly Government of Iran to release the hostages,

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for the continuation of the struggle of the Iranian revolution for the attainment of its noble aims can and should be based on ways and means capable of strengthening its influence in the world and increasing the effectiveness of that struggle. Ready for the revolution.

Conakry, 22 November 1979

(Signed) Ahmed SEKOU TOURE
Secretary-General of the Democratic
Party of Guinea
President of the Revolutionary
People's Republic of Guinea
