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LETTER DATED 4 DECEMBER 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UPPER VOLTA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a message which the President of the Republic of the Upper Volta, His Excellency El Hadj Aboubakar Sangoulé Lamizana, has addressed to the Ayatollah Khomeini concerning the regrettable events in Teheran which led you to request a meeting of the Security Council.

I would request you to be kind enough to have the text of this message distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Georges Aïssé MENSAH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

Annex

Telegram dated 4 December 1979 from His Excellency
El Hadj Aboubakar Sangoulé Lamizana, President of
the Republic of the Upper Volta, addressed to the
Ayatollah Khomeini

We are following with profound concern the current events in Teheran inasmuch as they do not seem to reflect what we know and believe concerning Islam or the universally recognized and respected principles of international relations. Without passing judgement on the substance of the dispute between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America, we feel that it is clearly in the best interests of all that the United States diplomatic personnel currently being held hostage should be speedily freed. In that regard, we deeply regret that you have not seen fit to take into consideration the decision adopted unanimously by the Security Council of our international Organization, and that you have remained deaf to the urgent appeal it addressed to you. We appeal to your faith as a Servant of Allah to ensure that history does not pass a severe judgement with regard to the true practice of Islam.

(Signed) El Hadj Aboubakar Sangoulé Lamizana
Lieutenant-General
President of the Republic of the
Upper Volta
