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**LETTER DATED 30 MAY 1985 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the Iraqi letter of 20 May 1985 (S/17212), I have the honour to invite your attention to the fact that, by publicizing the summary of the report of the International Committee of the Red Cross, whose work and impartiality have occasionally and perhaps justifiably been doubted by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Baathist régime of Iraq is simply trying to mislead international public opinion and thus justify its crimes. The report (S/16962) which Your Excellency's mission to Iran and Iraq produced on the situation of the prisoners of war in the two countries and which constitutes an indeed more valid and up-to-date account, amply proves the Iraqi régime's crimes in its treatment of Iranian prisoners of war.

In this very report the fact of the existence of clandestine camps where many Iranian prisoners, including the Minister of Oil and some of his assistants, are being held becomes unquestionably evident. The criminal Baathist régime's violations of all aspects of international humanitarian law are proved beyond a shadow of doubt by prisoners' accounts of episodes of torture and maltreatment such as "... being suspended from ceilings or ventilators, or having the soles of their feet whipped or beaten, or electric shocks administered to various parts of their bodies, including their genital organs, or burning with cigarettes and in some cases, mock executions". How can one deny the inhumane physical violence ranging from "... beatings with batons, truncheons or wire cables" to "... castrations and POWs having bottles or other objects inserted into the rectum", which have left visible injuries, "scars, bruises and other bodily marks" as well as observable psychological after-effects?

A review of such paragraphs as 117, 118, 119, 138, 139, 140, 144, 145, etc. of the report (S/16962) will expose the Iraqi régime's attempts to justify its inhumanity and savagery for the sham that they really are.

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

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