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Excellency,

Attached please find a copy of a facsimile transmission from Lakia S.A.R.L., a Swiss-registered buyer of Iraqi crude oil under the oil-for-food programme, addressed to the State Oil Marketing Organization of Iraq (SOMO), dated 2 October 2002, referring to an oil purchase contract no. M/09/58 dated 13/2/2001. The correspondence was signed by the President of Lakia, Mr. Gazi Luguev. A copy of the said facsimile was sent by Lakia S.A.R.L. to the United Nations oil overseers the same day.

I am duty bound to bring the matter to the attention of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990). Prior to doing so, however, I should like to receive most urgently the views and comments of the Government of Iraq on the information provided by Lakia S.A.R.L. I should be most grateful if the Government's comments are received no later than Wednesday, 9 October 2002.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benon V. Sevan".

Benon V. Sevan
Under-Secretary-General

His Excellency
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