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LETTER DATED 1 AUGUST 1961 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, I have the honour to refer to the letter of 26 July addressed to the President of the Security Council by the Permanent Representative of Iraq concerning three British soldiers in a scout car who had been apprehended inside Iraqi territory.

The incident to which reference is made in the letter occurred in the following circumstances. On the morning of 23 July an unarmed scout car carrying three men, none of whom was an officer, set out on a routine road check in the featureless area of Kuwait adjoining the undemarcated frontier with Iraq. The men lost their way, inadvertently entered Iraqi territory and were arrested.

Her Majesty's Embassy at Baghdad have requested assurances from the Iraqi authorities that the men and the vehicle will be returned to Kuwait and that meanwhile the Embassy will be permitted immediate access to the men. It is hoped that the Iraqi Government will promptly accede to these requests which are in accord with normal international practice.

It is clear that the occurrence to which the delegate of Iraq made reference was not an aggressive or provocative act but arose solely as a result of the men losing their way while on entirely legitimate duties.

I have the honour to request that this letter should be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) P. Dean
