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Dear Mr. Secretary ,

I wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated 13 April 1981 , delivered by Mr. Morris Draper . I appreciate your kind reference to Iraq and its Capacity to influence major trends in the region .

At our meeting on the 12th of April , Mr. Draper gave me an account of your recent visits to our region and the main features of United States policy towards the area as perceived by the new Administration . I took the opportunity to explain to your envoy Iraq' frank views on the major issues in the region and what we consider practical and reasonable with regard to the threats confronting it and how best to counter them . We also had a useful exchange of views on the possibilities for developing and strengthening our economic and trade relations . I was particularly pleased to receive your assurances that there will be no American arms sales to the Iranian regime .

Yours Sincerely

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