

TELCON: President and PM Major, Secure, 4-10-91

-- People go home in safety --

M: What happens if Iraq intercepts?

P: I would be inclined to use force to prevent that, depending on how he did that.

M: We are prepared to let it develop organizationally. I don't mean establish an area with a line around it, but get them off the mountains to the lowlands to receive aid -- and eventually to go back home -- facing another problem of interference.

I think 688 is satisfactory for the moment but we may need more authority in the future.

P: I agree that 788 is enough for now. Maybe I should call him today.

M: You were certainly right to stop when you did. If you hadn't, these same people would have criticized you for that. That was the substance of my talk with Thatcher.

P: How is she now?

M: Publicly she is okay but privately not so good and these conversations get out and create problems for us.

If we got carnage among the refugees we would have to go back for a stronger resolution.