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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JAMES A. TRAFICANT JR.

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO PUBLICLY CONDEMN THE IRANIAN REGIME'S EXPANSIONIST ACTIONS AND ITS POLICY OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY INTERFERENCE IN IRAQ

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.
May 10, 1991

Dear Congressman Traficant:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President regarding your concern that Iran has implemented a policy of political and military interference in Iraq that threatens the region's stability.

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Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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Washington, D.C. 20515

FDM:JHH:

bcc: w/ copy of inc to NSC - for direct response
bcc: w/ copy of inc to Dept. of State - FYI
Dear Mr. Traficant:

Thank you for your letter to the President of May 7 expressing concern about reports of attacks into Iraq conducted by Iranian Revolutionary Guards. The White House has asked me to respond.

We are aware of reports that Iranian government forces have taken part in anti-regime uprisings and attacks on Iranian dissident encampments in Iraq. While some limited border violations appear to have taken place, we cannot confirm the degree to which such incidents have been sanctioned or directed by the Government of Iran.

Nevertheless, this issue remains a matter of concern to this Administration and our coalition partners, and one that we will continue to monitor closely. President Bush, speaking at a press conference during his visit to Canada in March, warned of the dangers of destabilizing Iraq. He said that "I think Iran knows our view... that grabbing territory would be counterproductive... I will say today that Iran must not, and should not, try to annex any of the territory of Iraq."

I hope this information is useful in addressing your concerns.

Sincerely,

Janet G. Mullins
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable
James A. Traficant, Jr.,
House of Representatives.
FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
   Executive Secretary
   National Security Council Staff
   The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Cong. James A. Traficant, Jr.

Date: May 7, 1991

Subject: Ltr. re concern that Iran has implemented a policy &
   military interference in Iraq that threatens regions
   stability

WH Referral Dated: May 23, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 9103777

The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

   X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

   We believe no response is necessary for the reason
   cited below.

   The Department of State has no objection to the
   proposed travel.

   Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

[Signature]
Director
Secretariat Staff
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The current situation in the region provides Iran with the opportunity to revive the export of the nation's fundamentalist ideology. The United States should publicly condemn the Iranian regime's expansionist actions. I thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

J. J. Traficant, Jr.
Member of Congress
TO: SITTMANN

FROM: PEARSON, W

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