DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 18, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE REVEREND KURIAKOS

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE FOOD, WATER, MEDICINE, ETC. FOR THE REFUGEES AT THE IRAQ-JORDAN BORDER

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COMMENTS:

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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE (ROOM 75,0EOB) EXT-2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9021005

Date October 22, 1990

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
   Executive Secretary
   National Security Council Staff
   The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: The Rev. Kuriakos

Date: 9/12/90

Subject: Urges Pres. to provide food, water, medicine, etc. for the refugees

WH Referral Dated: 9/27/90
NSCS ID# (if any): 175189

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

ACTION TAKEN:

___ X A draft reply is attached.

___ A draft reply will be forwarded.

___ A translation is attached.

___ 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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I hope the above information will be useful to you. Thank you for your interest in this issue.

Sincerely,

(White House staff)

The Reverend Kuriakos, Chorbishop, President, Council of Kerala Churches, 2123 North Moody Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 27, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
   DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:
   WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID:        175189

MEDIA:     TELEGRAM, DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 1990

TO:        PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM:      THE REVEREND KURIAKOS
           CHORBISHOP
           PRESIDENT
           COUNSEL OF KERALA CHURCHES
           2123 NORTH MOODY AVENUE
           CHICAGO IL 60639

SUBJECT:   URGES THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE FOOD, WATER,
           MEDICINE, ETC. FOR THE REFUGEES AT THE
           IRAQ-JORDAN BORDER

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE
October 26, 1990

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS

FROM: C. DAVID WELCH

SUBJECT: Letter to Chorbishop Kuriakos, President, Counsel of Kerala Churches

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum for Sally Kelley, Director of Agency Liaison, Presidential Correspondence, that forwards a revised State Department draft reply (Tab A) to a telegram (Tab B) from Chorbishop Kuriakos.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum to Sally Kelley.

Attachments
Tab I   Memo to Sally Kelley
Tab A   Draft response to Chorbishop Kuriakos
Tab B   Telegram from Chorbishop Kuriakos
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**N = No further Action**

**cc:** VP Sununu Other

**COMMENTS**

**DISPATCH INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Date should not be on Tab I yet
- Change at TabA, page 2
- Kathy will call back

**Change**

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

SUBJECT: Draft reply to Chorbishop Kuriakos

Attached at Tab A is a modified State Department composed draft reply to a telegram (Tab B) from Chorbishop Kuriakos. Request you incorporate the draft reply into a letter from your office.

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Tab A Draft reply to Chorbishop Kuriakos
Tab B Telegram from Chorbishop Kuriakos
October 25, 1990

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TO: KELLEY, S

FROM: SITTMANN

KEYWORDS: IRAQ
          MP

PERSONS:

SUBJECT: DRAFT REPLY TO CHORBISHOP KURIAKOS / PRES & COUNSEL OF KERALA
         CHURCHES

ACTION: SITTMANN SGD MEMO

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FROM: KURIAKOS, REV

KEYWORDS: IRAQ
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SUBJECT: URGES PRES TO PROVIDE FOOD WATER MEDICINE ECT FOR REFUGEES

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 21, 1990

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Leigh Ann Metzger
Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison

The Reverend Kuriakos, Chorbishop
President, Council of Kerala Churches
2123 North Moody Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
CHICAGO IL 60639
2123 NORTH MOODY AVE

CHURCHSHOP KURIAKOS, PRESIDENT, COUNCIL OF KERALA CHURCHES

Refugees in life threatening conditions at the Iraq Jordan Border. Water, medicine, shelter and other basic needs to the thousands of families we request you to use your mobil office to provide supplies of food.

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500
PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

312-227-4455 FAX 312-10297 EST

I.C.S. INFORMATION CSP
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J. A. Weitzen
We invite you to use your noble office to provide shelter, food, medical aid, and other basic needs for the thousands of refugees in the threatening conditions at the UN refugee center.

CHERNOBYL, KURKIAKOVO, PREDEMOGRAPHIC CENTER OF REFUGEE POPULATION

1735 NORTH WOOD AVE

CHICAGO IL 60622

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