

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 16, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY E. WIRTH

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DO ALL IN HIS POWER TO ENSURE THAT IRAQ HONORS ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND RELEASE AMERICAN HOSTAGES, GARY SHREVE AND RALPH LEIDHOLT

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COMMENTS: Letters sent to all signers

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9023195

Date February 8, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush
From: Timothy E. Wirth
Date: October 10, 1990
Subject: The release of Ralph W. Leidholdt and Gary Shreve
from Iraq

WH Referral Dated: October 30, 1990
NSCS ID# (if any): 183011

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

ACTION TAKEN:

- 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:


Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Senator Wirth:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning Gary Shreve and Ralph Leidholt, American citizens who were detained by the Iraqi government.

I am pleased to advise you that both Mr. Shreve and Mr. Leidholt have returned to the United States.

Sincerely,

Janet G. Mullins
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable
Timothy E. Wirth,
United States Senate.

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

OCTOBER 30, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 183011
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 10, 1990
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY E. WIRTH
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON DC 20510

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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 25, 1990

Dear Senator Wirth:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent letter, cosigned by the other members of the Colorado delegation, requesting that the Administration do everything it can to obtain the release of Mr. Ralph W. Leidholdt and Mr. Gary Shreve, who are being held by the Iraqi government against their wills.

We sincerely appreciate being apprised of your concerns about Mr. Leidholdt's heart condition. A day does not pass when the welfare of our citizens in the Persian Gulf is not on the mind of the President, and bringing these U.S. citizens home is of the highest priority. Please know that I have shared your correspondence with the appropriate Presidential advisors so that they, too, are aware of your concerns.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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for Legislative Affairs

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Fred McCloud

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to bring your attention to the cases of Mr. Ralph W. Leidholt and Mr. Gary Shreve, American citizens who are being held against their will by the Government of Iraq.

Mr. Leidholdt and Mr. Shreve are employees of the OMI Corporation of Kingwood, Texas and were working in Kuwait City at the time of the Iraqi invasion. It is our understanding that these men are now being held at the Mansour-Melia Hotel in Baghdad, which also serves as Iraqi Army headquarters. Mr. Leidholdt is of particular concern to us because he suffers from a very serious heart condition and, according to the State Department, has already suffered a heart attack as a result of his detainment in Baghdad.

Mr. President, we know you are doing all you can to ensure the safety of Americans held by Iraq, but we did want to bring the specific cases of Mr. Leidholdt and Mr. Shreve to your personal attention. Part II, Article 34, of the Geneva Convention specifically prohibits the taking of hostages. Iraq is a signatory to the Geneva Convention. We urge you to do all in your power to ensure that Iraq honors its obligations under international law and that American hostages such as Mr. Leidholdt and Mr. Shreve are released as soon as possible.

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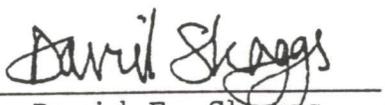
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cc: The Honorable James Baker III

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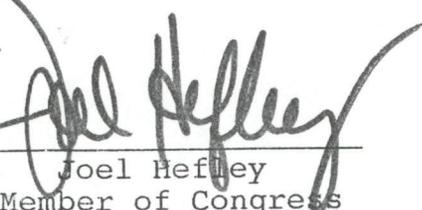
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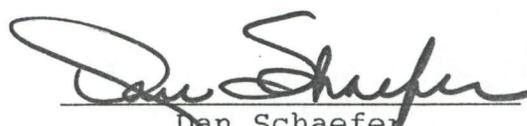
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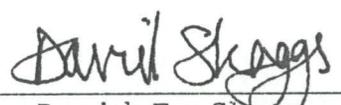
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