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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 30, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BARRY RUSSELL

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO REQUIRE IRAQ TO PAY
WAR REPARATIONS AS PART OF IRAQ'S TERMS OF
SURRENDER

COUNSEL'S OFFICE
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
February 22, 1991

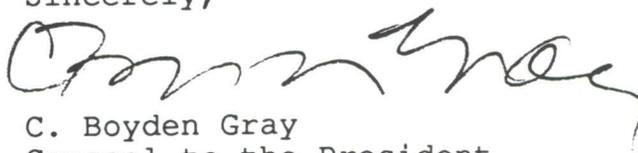
Dear Judge Russell,

I have been asked to respond to your letter on behalf of the President. I want to thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to provide us with your insights concerning reparations and war crimes trials.

As you know, Security Council Resolution 674 lays the groundwork for potential war crimes trials and reparations upon the completion of the Gulf War. However, because of their tendency to prolong the war by pushing Hussein into a corner, the Administration has decided to not actively pursue either of these goals while the conflict is still being fought. Please be assured, however, that they will be given the attention they deserve upon successful completion of the war.

Again, thank you for your comments concerning these two troubling issues.

Sincerely,



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Honorable Barry Russell
United States Bankruptcy Court
Central District of California
801 U.S. Court House
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 20, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR C. BOYDEN GRAY

FROM: RON VONLEMBKE 

SUBJECT: Response to Letter from Judge Barry Russell
Concerning Iraqi Reparations and War Crimes Trials

Attached is a letter for your signature responding to Judge Russell's comments on the need for war crimes trials and Iraqi reparations upon conclusion of the Gulf War.

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C.B. Gray

United States Bankruptcy Court
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
801 U.S. COURT HOUSE
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BARRY RUSSELL
JUDGE

January 25, 1991

FTS: 798-6091/2
(213) 894-6091/2

George Bush
President, United States of America
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am writing to suggest that you attempt to require Iraq to pay the costs of our extraordinary efforts in Operation Desert Storm.

I have read that a number of our allies have helped and will continue to provide us with financial assistance, and yet, I have neither heard nor read any suggestions that Iraq pay the bill. It seems to me that Iraq, with one of the largest oil reserves in the world, will certainly have the resources to pay for its barbaric conduct.

Therefore, along with war crimes trials for Saddam Hussein and his henchmen, as part of the terms of surrender, Iraq should be required to pay war reparations.

Sincerely,



BARRY RUSSELL