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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 12, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. CHARLES W. CARPENTER

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE KURDISH
PEOPLE OF IRAQ AND OFFERS SPECIAL SUGGESTIONS
TO INSURE THEIR FUTURE SAFETY

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Washington, D.C. 20520

May 14, 1991



Mr. Charles W. Carpenter
Director
World Partners
Overseas Ministries of the Missionary Church
3901 South Wayne Avenue
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Dear Mr. Carpenter:

I have for reply your March 6 letter to the President on the situation in Iraq and the plight of the Kurdish people.

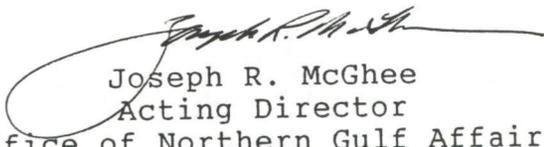
The United States is playing a leading role in the international community's unprecedented humanitarian relief effort for Iraqi refugees and displaced persons. Through Operation Provide Comfort, U.S. military forces have acted on a massive scale to meet the needs of well over a million Iraqis--mostly Kurds--forced to flee their homes in the aftermath of the popular uprising against Saddam Hussein's regime. Logistical support provided by U.S. and coalition forces has enabled thousands to begin the journey back from remote mountain camps to their homes in Iraq. These efforts continue, even as United Nations organizations deploy personnel and resources throughout the country in preparation for taking over the relief campaign our forces have initiated so successfully.

As you may know, State Department officials have had several meetings in recent weeks with Kurdish representatives from Iraq, Europe and this country. Our discussions have covered many possible steps toward resolution of the Kurdish problem, including some you suggest. We look forward to continuing exchanges with the Kurdish leadership. Such contacts can be particularly useful while the international effort to assist refugees and displaced persons continues in northern Iraq and adjoining areas of Turkey and Iran.

For many years, the U.S. government has encouraged the Iraqi government to improve its abysmal human rights record and use Iraq's rich oil resources to benefit all of the country's ethnic, religious and ideological groups. We are sensitive to the legitimate concerns of the Kurds and Iraq's other minorities. However, the U.S. government opposes any change in the established borders of Iraq, Iran or Turkey, nor do we envisage direct U.S. intervention to shape a successor regime. As President Bush has said, these are matters for the Iraqi people.

Nevertheless, the United States has a clear interest in the course of events in Iraq. Saddam Hussein has a great deal to answer for, and President Bush has made it clear that the U.S. government will not have normal relations with Iraq as long as Saddam remains in power. We will continue to support humanitarian relief efforts until UN authorities are in place throughout Iraq and refugees and displaced persons can return to their homes in safety and dignity. More broadly, U.S. policy will continue to advance our vision of a democratic, tolerant Iraq which respects the rights of all its citizens, including Kurds, and lives at peace with its neighbors.

Sincerely,



Joseph R. McGhee
Acting Director
Office of Northern Gulf Affairs
(Iran and Iraq)

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

APRIL 1, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 219786
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 6, 1991
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: MR. CHARLES W. CARPENTER
DIRECTOR
WORLD PARTNERS, OVERSEAS MINISTRIES
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SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE KURDISH
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PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9105674

Date May 16, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Charles W. Carpenter

Date: March 6, 1991

Subject: Expressing concern about Kurdish people of Iraq and offering suggestions to insure their future safety

WH Referral Dated: April 1, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 219786

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:

W. J. Sullivan
for Director
Secretariat Staff

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March 6, 1991

President George Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you with deep concern about the Kurdish people of Iraq. They have been terrorized by Saddam Hussein for not just a few months as they rest of the world has, but for the past ten years with mass relocations, torture and even an apparent attempt at genocide in 1988 by using chemical weapons on innocent villagers. In the past, our country and the world community has shamefully ignored these people's situation and thereby, made it worse for them. They need our support to stop this treatment.

When Iraq's present political agonies are finally resolved, some special consideration needs to be given the Kurdish people to insure that this inhumane treatment does not happen to them again in Iraq. An autonomous region similar to Indian reservations in North America would be a good solution for them as well as not radically changing the balance of power in the region. As part of this suggestion, these are some of the things that need to be guaranteed to these people to assure that they are treated fairly in the future.

Specific Suggestions to Insure Their Future Safety:

1. Their own local government system with fair representation in the Iraqi national assembly.
2. Their own policy and local national guard.
3. The right to the money that comes from the minerals and oil taken from their homeland.
4. The Kurdish language fully legalized for all forms of media as well as taught as a primary school subject.

I would appreciate your prayerful consideration of this serious matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles W. Carpenter".

Charles W. Carpenter
Director

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