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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. S. AL-HAKIM

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR THE IRAQI POPULAR UPRISING

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(ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.
THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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MARCH 22, 1991

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 222361

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 8, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: DR. S. AL-HAKIM
SECRETARY - GENERAL
ORGANISATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAQ
72 TOOTING BEC ROAD
LONDON SW17 8BE ENGLAND

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR THE IRAQI POPULAR UPRISING

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 (OF DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE
FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council Staff  
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Dr. S. Al-Hakim

Date: March 8, 1991

Subject: Expressing support for the Iraqi popular uprising

WH Referral Dated: March 22, 1991

NSCS ID# (if any): 222361

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: Recently met personally with Department of State officials.
ORGANISATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAQ

Mr. George Bush,
President of the U.S.A
The White House, Washington DC 20500

8th March, 1991

Dear Mr. President,

Support the Iraqi Popular Uprising

The Iraqi people have sent shock waves down the spine of the dictatorial regime and its repressive apparatus by taking to the streets in an unprecedented self-sustained spontaneous popular uprising. This uprising bears all the hallmarks of a Romanian style one.

Saddam's catalogue of follies and atrocities against the Iraqi people since his rise to power in 1968 has been fully exposed since his misadventure in and aggression against Kuwait. He is no longer an internal issue for he proved to be a menace to his own people and the region's peace and stability.

The appointment of Ali Hassan al-Majid, Saddam's cousin, who gassed 5,000 Iraqi Kurds in Halabja in March, 1988, and is responsible for widespread atrocities in Kuwait during the Iraqi occupation, the 50% pay rise granted to the Republican Guard, the expulsion of foreign journalists from Iraq add weight to the belief that Saddam, who has no scruples and has uncanny knack for "The stick and carrot policy", is preparing for a severe crackdown on internal dissent. Hence our deep concern for our people's safety; atrocities and pogroms will soon be committed against those who took part in the uprising. Reports of indiscriminate bombing of the inhabitants of Timisoara's Iraq, Basrah and the holy city of Najaf are widespread.

In the light of the above, the Iraqi people look to your government and freedom-loving nation for moral and humanitarian support at least on the same level accorded to the Romanian uprising, and bringing pressure to bear on the regime to stop forthwith its atrocities against our people, especially the impending use of chemical weapons.

We are full of hope and confidence that effective action will be taken on this appeal.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely

Dr. S. Al-Hakim
Secretary-General
ORGANISATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAQ

President George Bush
President Of The United States
The White House
Washington DC 20500

APPEAL

SAVE THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ

Reports reaching us from Iraq confirm the bombing of civilian centres in many towns by Saddam Hussein’s armed forces. These random bombings have led to the death of unarmed civilians.

The military raids carried out against our people by helicopters and heavy canon have led to severe shortages of food and medicine. The number of dead are in the thousands many of whom are still lying in the streets; their burial is becoming an impossible task.

We appeal to your conscience beseeching you to take an active stand in order to save the lives of innocent unarmed civilians and put a stop to the policy of annihilation and the mass murders carried out at present by Saddam’s forces.

We solicit your immediate and urgently needed intervention to send medical and humanitarian supplies to Iraq. The tormented people of Iraq are counting on you for aid and support.

We have great confidence in your ability to rid our people of the terror they have been living through for the past twenty two years.

Respectfully Yours

Dr. Sahib Al Hakim
Secretary
Organisation Of Human Rights In Iraq