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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 01, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ALFONSE M. D'AMATO

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DIRECT U.S. FORCES,
IN CONSULTATION WITH COALITION FORCES, TO
SUPPRESS BY MILITARY FORCE IRAQI ARMED
HELICOPTER OPERATIONS

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April 3, 1991

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Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 27, 1991

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

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COMMENTS: NSC 9102504

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FROM: ROY, J

DOC DATE: 23 APR 91
SOURCE REF: 9106342

KEYWORDS: IRAQ
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PERSONS:

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ACTION: ANSWERED BY STATE LTR DUE DATE: 09 APR 91 STATUS: C

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Z 91041010 DRAFT REPLY
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TO: PRESIDENT

FROM: D'AMATO, ALFONSE M

DOC DATE: 27 MAR 91
SOURCE REF:

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DIRECTOR NSC SECRETARIAT

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9106342

Date April 23, 1991

FOR:

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush
From: Senator D'Amato
Date: March 27, 1991
Subj: Urges President to direct US forces to suppress
Iraqi helicopter operations

WH Referral Dated: April 10, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 9102504

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:

William F. Sittmann
Director
Secretariat Staff

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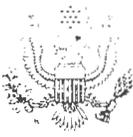
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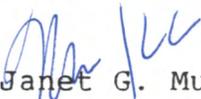
Since your letter was received the President has, with the strong support of the international community, taken steps to alleviate the suffering of Iraq's civilian population and the threat posed by Iraqi helicopters.

On April 6, the day after President Bush announced his intention to provide emergency relief to Iraqi civilians, the Department of State informed Iraq's representatives in Washington and at the UN that with the beginning of humanitarian relief operations, Iraqi forces should take no actions in any part of the country which might interfere with the provision of emergency humanitarian service to Iraqi civilians. Since that time, we have detected no helicopter flights north of 36° latitude and very little helicopter activity throughout Iraq, e.g., we have no confirmed reports of subsequent helicopter attacks on dissidents in the south.

It will continue to be our policy that Iraqi helicopters and fixed wing aircraft threatening U.S. or Coalition forces will be shot down. In addition, with the post-ceasefire withdrawal now in progress, the threat to U.S. troops will substantially diminish.

Thank your concern over the safety of Iraqi civilians and U.S. forces remaining in Iraq.

Sincerely,


Janet G. Mullins
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

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