THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 01, 1991

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

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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.

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[Signature]

Janet G. Mullins
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