DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 03, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. ASAD KHAILANY

SUBJECT: EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT FATE OF KURDISH AND IRAQI PEOPLE AT HANDS OF SADDAM HUSSEIN. FORWARDS COPY OF LETTER OF APPEAL FROM JALAL TALABANI AND MOSUOD BARZANI FOR U.S.

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KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.
FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary
National Security Council Staff
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Dr. Asad Khailany

Date: March 29, 1991

Subject: Concern about fate of Kurdish people; forwards copy of letter from Jalal Talabani and Mosuod Barzani

WH Referral Dated: April 12, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 225986

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: Dr. Khailany recently addressed Open Forum and met personally with Deputy Assistant Secretary David Mack.

Director
Secretariat Staff
THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

APRIL 12, 1991

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 225986

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 29, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT HUSH

FROM: DR. ASAD KHAILANY
      PRESIDENT
      KURDISH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
      NORTH AMERICA
      POST OFFICE BOX 15498
      ANN ARBOR MI 48106

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT FATE OF KURDISH AND IRAQI PEOPLE AT HANDS OF SADDAM HUSSEIN.
        FORWARDS COPY OF LETTER OF APPEAL FROM JALAL TALABANI AND MOSUOD BARZANI FOR U.S.
        INTERVENTION. WRITER INTERVIEWED ON WU OF M RADIO STATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ON MAR 29 91

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

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE
NAME  =  MR. JAHAL TALABANI
ORG   =  IRAQI KUDISTAN FRONT
STREET =  BM BOX 5576
ADDR   =  LONDON WC1N 3XX
COUNTRY =  ENGLAND
SUBJECT =  APPEALS FOR POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT
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President George Bush
The White House
Washington D.C.

March 29, 1991

Dear Mr. President:

During my interview today on WUOM, the radio station of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mr. Bob Whitman, has contacted the White House regarding the appeal which was sent to you by the Kurdish leaders Mr. Jalal Talabani and Mr. Mosuod Barzani for U.S. intervention to save the Iraqi people from mass murder by dictator Saddam Hussein. The White House replied that no appeal has been received by them. Enclosed I am sending you the appeal which the Kurdish National Congress of North America has received this morning directly from these Kurdish leaders. The Kurdish American Community is greatly concerned about the fate of the Kurdish and the Iraqi people in the hands of the brutal dictator Saddam Hussein.

Mr. President the Iraqi Oppositions have responded to your call to uprise to overthrow the dictator Saddam Hussein. We have learned that your picture is currently hanging over many buildings and places in Iraqi Kurdistan and they are considering you their liberator. As in the Wall Street Journal article of March 27, 1991 it was written that the elderly Kurdish people have given you the title of Hadji Bush which is the title given to the pilgrim of the holy city of Mecca because they consider you to be their savior.

Mr. President, our U.S. government has the moral obligation to intervene immediately to end the regime of dictator Saddam Hussein and to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqi people. As you pointed out always we the Americans are against Saddam Hussein and we do have great respect for all Iraqi people. It is inconceivable to let the Iraqi people suffer and the dictator to stay in power.

On behalf of the Kurdish American community, we appeal to you to
open immediately a dialogue with the Kurdish and Iraqi oppositions to plan for establishing a democratic Iraqi government in place of the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein so that the Iraqi people can live in peace and tranquility.

Sincerely

[Signature]

Dr. Asad Khailany, President
IRAQI KURDISTAN FRONT
PRESS RELEASE

The Kurdish Leaders, Jalal Talabani and Masoud Barzani, have issued the following joint appeal to President George Bush regarding the present situation inside Iraq.

Mr. President:

RE: URGENT APPEAL FROM THE IRAQI KURDISTAN FRONT

Today, Saddam Hussein’s forces began a full scale offensive to recapture Kirkuk. As part of this offensive the center of the city has been subjected to heavy bombardment by fixed-wing aircraft, helicopter gunships, heavy artillery and surface-to-surface missiles causing widespread civilian casualties.

You personally called upon the Iraqi people to rise up against Saddam Hussein’s brutal dictatorship. They have now risen and are confronting the might of Saddam’s tyranny. They are being subjected to ruthless indiscriminate attacks against which they have no effective defense. The only hope for the Iraqi people to avoid an imminent catastrophe is for the world community to act resolutely, and immediately, to restrain Saddam Hussein from persisting with this barbaric onslaught.

The opposition forces are united in their commitment to achieve a pluralistic democracy which respects the human and collective rights of all the people of Iraq. Fears about the possible disintegration of Iraq are totally unfounded and serve only to provide Saddam Hussein with a pretext for clinging to power. The Iraqi Kurdistan Front, the coalition of all Iraqi Kurdish groups, has made it absolutely clear that it will respect the integrity and unity of Iraq.

The Iraqi Kurdistan Front formally calls on the government of the United States of America to intervene to--

1. Prevent Saddam Hussein from using heavy weapons of mass destruction against civilians, including fixed-wing aircraft, helicopter gunships, surface-to-surface ballistic missiles, heavy artillery, napalm, phosphorus and sulphuric acid.

2. Ensure the distribution of humanitarian supplies to the whole of Iraq by delivering aid directly into the liberated areas by road convoy from Turkey, Syria and Iran and through captured airfields.

Saddam Hussein cannot again be allowed to benefit from the
international community's indifference to the deliberate abuse of human rights and of international law. The international community has already paid a heavy price for this short-sightedness.

In the name of the principles of freedom, justice and democracy, we appeal to the United States to come to the aid of the people of Iraq.

Jalal Talabani and Masoud Barzani
(Please telephone or fax reply urgently to London (081)667-0681
March 31, 1991          1:30 P.M. EST

An Urgent Appeal From Mr. Jalal Talabani & Mr. Massoud Barzani

We have just received an urgent appeal from both Kurdish leaders Jalal Talabani and Massoud Barzani that the regime of Saddam Hussain has indiscriminately bombed the center of the city of Erbile by long range missiles and long range artillery and by aircraft and caused a very large number of casualties. There are a large number of dead people whose bodies are scattered in the streets. At this moment the attacks continue. Both of these leaders are appealing to President Bush and the coalition forces to ground Saddam Hussain’s airforce and prevent the unhuman slaughtering of the Kurdish and other Iraqi people by the regime of Saddam Hussain.

By not doing any thing we are supporting the Dictator Saddam Hussain and history will judge that a grave mistake has been made.

Dr. Asad Khailany, President

Our phones and fax are: phone: 313 - 483 4805  
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                          Fax: 313 - 483 1930