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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 04, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JAMES H. BILBRAY

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT NOT TO TURN HIS BACK ON
THE PLIGHT OF THE KURDISH PEOPLE IN IRAQ

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April 5, 1991

Dear Congressman Bilbray:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President regarding the treatment of the Kurdish people as a result of illegal helicopter attacks by the Iraqi army.

We appreciate being apprised of your interest in the enforcement of the U.N. resolution calling for an immediate cease-fire in Iraq. Please know that I have shared your comments with President Bush. Additionally, I have taken the liberty of providing your remarks to the President's national security and foreign policy advisors so that they, too, are aware of your recommendations.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable James H. Bilbray
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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April 3, 1991

George Bush
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The White House
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Mr. President:

It is with a great sense of worry and anxiety that I write you concerning the plight of the Kurdish people in Iraq.

Today, I met with members of the Kurdish Leadership here in Washington. They speak of a quarter of a million men, women, and children, not soldiers, but simple citizens, with their backs literally up against the wall. One side they have an impassable Turkish border, on the other the Iraqi army. The Iraqi-Kurdish people have been trapped at the Turkish border with shelter for 10,000, food for 100,000 and the Iraqi army systematically exterminating them.

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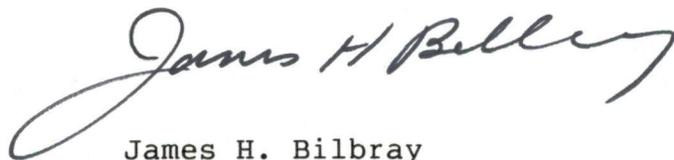
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Many have heralded the resolution of this conflict as the start of the New World Order. The nations of this world have come together and stopped Saddam Hussein. This unity has proven the power of the United Nations and that we will not stand for unjustified aggression throughout the world. Let us not stop when we are so close. The Kurds are simply asking to answer the call and bring freedom and democracy to Iraq, so that it can participate in the new community of nations.

Mr. President, I ask that you not turn your back on the Kurdish people. Anyone who tells you that there is no desire to save them is sorely mistaken. Anyone call tell what is right and what is wrong. The slaughter of women and children is wrong. The genocide of a people is wrong. What Saddam Hussein is doing is deadly wrong.

As Congress returns, I will continue my efforts to help the Kurdish people. However, the time is short. Many thousands have died, many more will. I urge you act now Mr. President and save the democratic order that we have strived so carefully to create. Mr. President, do not allow Saddam Hussein to slaughter the Kurdish people and destroy all that our brave men and women fought to preserve.

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James H. Bilbray
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 16, 1991

Dear Congressman Bilbray:

Thank you for your letter to the President of April 3, 1991 about the situation inside Iraq. We share your concern about the Iraqi government's brutal use of force and repression against its political opponents, particularly against Kurdish and other innocent civilians.

Our decision to shoot down Iraqi fixed-wing aircraft was taken as a military precaution to protect coalition forces operating inside Iraq. Shooting down Iraqi helicopters might have marginally impeded Iraqi government operations to quash the rebellion, but would not have changed the ultimate outcome. Further military intervention by the coalition to support Iraq's political opposition would have risked embroiling us in either a protracted civil war or the long term political administration of Iraq until a successor government could be chosen. This clearly was never an objective of the coalition. We still believe that the Iraqi people would be better off under new leadership, and that this can best be achieved by keeping pressure on Iraq through the continued imposition of sanctions.

In the near term, we are addressing urgently the humanitarian needs of the Iraqi refugees. As you may know, the President decided to initiate the largest U.S. relief effort in modern military history. The United States also has taken the lead in the international effort to assist the Kurds and other Iraqi refugees and displaced persons. With the construction of several temporary encampments in northern Iraq where relief supplies will be made available in large quantities and distributed in an orderly way, we will be able to provide massive relief assistance to the Kurdish refugees.

To deter Iraqi military interference in these relief operations, security will be provided by U.S., British, French and other friendly air and ground forces to give the refugees the confidence to return home to Iraq. It is our hope that the responsibility for operating these facilities can be handed over in the very near future to the United Nations and international relief organizations.

Thank you for your interest in this matter of mutual concern.

Sincerely,


Brent Scowcroft

The Honorable James H. Bilbray
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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has seen.

April 24, 1991

SIGNED

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS

FROM: ~~SANDRA~~ CHARLES

SUBJECT: Response to Congressman Bilbray on Iraq

Attached at Tab I is a response to Congressman Bilbray's letter to the President on the situation inside Iraq (Tab II).

Ginny ~~Lawley~~ concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Congressman Bilbray at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Response to Congressman Bilbray
Tab II Letter from Congressman Bilbray

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Response to Cong Bilbray

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