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WASHINGTON

RESPONSE DUE DATE: April 12, 1991

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SUBJECT: Response to Super on Schedule Request

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RECOMMENDATION

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FROM: KATHY L. SUPER
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Please provide your recommendation on the following scheduling request:

EVENT: Meet with a delegation of past and current Presidents of the Chaldean Federation of America to discuss the current situation in Iraq.

DATE: OPEN

LOCATION: The White House

Additional information concerning this event is attached.

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept_____ Regret_____
Priority_____
Routine_____

Surrogate Message
Video_____
Written_____

If your recommendation is to accept, please cite reasons below:

PLEASE RETURN TO WINDY WHITE, ROOM 182, OEOB, BY THE RESPONSE DUE DATE ABOVE SO THAT YOUR COMMENTS MAY BE CONSIDERED AS WE PROCEED WITH THIS REQUEST. THANK YOU
MEMORANDUM FOR KATHY SUPER

FROM: WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

SUBJECT: Appointment Request for Iraqi Opposition

The President has asked the Secretary of State to take the lead on requests for meetings about our policy toward Iraq. The Chaldean Federation of America should be advised to contact the Department of State.

Attachment
Tab A Request to President

Lucy:

[Handwritten note:]

Regret for POTUS and in the body of the letter ask them to contact the Department of State.

CC: NSC with copy at incoming + response.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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POTUS
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COMMENTS:

FINAL ACTION
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Phoecopy from George Bush Presidential Library
Would you please
staff this to BSC.

Thanks
April 2, 1991

via Facsimile (202) 456-6218 and Federal Express

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
c/o Mr. Sichan Siv, Deputy Assistant to the President for Public Liaison
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Chaldean Federation of America represents over 70,000 Iraqi Americans, living mostly in the Michigan area. During the Gulf War, a group was formed to collect donations from members of the community to purchase medicine for the innocent victims of war, through the Red Cross and Red Crescent. About two weeks ago, a delegation of past and current Presidents of the Federation (the undersigned), and a third Iraqi American who has contacts with the ruling Baath Party and government officials in Iraq, left for Amman and thereafter to Baghdad. The purpose was to accompany the medicine shipment, to evaluate the conditions in Iraq, to distribute thousands of letters from Iraqi Americans to their relatives in Baghdad, and to bring back thousands of letters from Iraqis to their relatives in Michigan.

During our stay in Baghdad, we distributed medicine and met with numerous officials and ordinary people. Because we can pass as Iraqi citizens, we acquired first-hand knowledge of the sentiment of so many people in Baghdad that we are convinced that this sentiment reflects consensus among the people there including many officials.

Because of the current crisis, we feel that the information we have could decisively and positively assist in the decision making process. We wish to convey this sentiment in a personal meeting with the President.
Because of the definite retribution by the current Iraqi regime against our relatives in Baghdad if this matter is publicized, it is crucial that this matter be kept confidential.

The delegation is willing to fly on a moment's notice to Washington, D.C. A fourth member of the Iraqi American community, who was trapped in Baghdad over a month during the invasion of Kuwait, can join the delegation to reveal impressions of the Iraqi people during the initial stages of the crisis, if the President so desires.

We strongly believe that in a personal, confidential meeting with the President, we will be able to reveal sentiments of the greatest majority of not only the general population in Baghdad, but even officials in the government hierarchy.

We urge the President to allow us private audience to convey those sentiments as we found them.

We assure the President and those assisting him that they are always in our prayers in these difficult times.

The undersigned can be reached either at the Federation number (313) 557-3200 or at home (313) 348-2516. For the sake of the millions of innocent people in Iraq, I plead and pray that this request be granted.

Sincerely,

Salman Yono

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