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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 10, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOHN BARCHILON

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES A SUGGESTION ON HOW IT MIGHT BE  
POSSIBLE TO END THE CIVIL WAR IN IRAQ WITHOUT  
COMMITTING LARGE NUMBERS OF U.S. FORCES IN  
THE REGION

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COMMENTS: WRITER PREPARED A POSITION PAPER FOR THE  
PRESIDENT ON ENERGY IN THE 80 CAMPAIGN

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

**TRANSMITTAL FORM**

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Date July 16, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Mr. John Barchilon, 13564 Rand Drive, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Date: April 3, 1991

Subject: Encloses a suggestion on how it might be possible to  
civil war in Iraq without committing large numbers  
of U.S. forces

WH Referral Dated: April 12, 1991

NSCS ID# (if any): 227949

       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.

  X   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:

*W. Sittmann*  
or Director  
Secretariat Staff

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Washington, D.C. 20520

May 14, 1991

Mr. John Barchilon  
13564 Rand Drive  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Dear Mr. Barchilon:

This is in response to your letter of April 3 to President Bush. In your letter, you suggest that we seek a United Nations resolution charging Saddam Hussein with war crimes, while at the same time offering a large reward to anyone who holds him long enough for U.S. Special Forces to seize him.

As you may know, the United Nations Security Council stated in Resolution 670 of September 25, 1990, that Iraq is bound by the terms of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and that individuals who commit or order the commission of grave breaches of that convention are liable. With respect to your other suggestion regarding the capture of Saddam Hussein, the President has stated that he does not wish to endanger further the lives of U.S. servicemen by sending military forces to Baghdad.

We continue to explore with our allies how best to approach the issues of war crimes trials and the departure of Saddam Hussein from power. As we consider these issues, your suggestion on U.N. action will be taken into account.

Sincerely,

*Sean D. Murphy*

Sean D. Murphy  
Office of the Assistant Legal  
Adviser, Politico-Military Affairs

3 April 1991

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Ending Iraq's civil war without  
committing major US forces

My dear Mr. President:

I had the privilege of writing a position  
paper for you on energy when you were campaig-  
ning for the Republican nomination in 1980.  
And now I enclose a brief suggestion on how it  
might be possible to end the civil war in Iraq  
without committing large numbers of US forces  
in the region.

Very respectfully yours,

  
John Barchilon

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Saddam Hussein continues to brutalize all Iraqis opposing his rule, and this tarnishes the brilliant victory we just won. Notwithstanding that we have justly complied with the UN resolutions and ousted Iraq from Kuwait, the spectacle of his persisting depredations against a civilian population becomes acutely embarrassing. It could easily develop into the mounting political pressure that draws our troops into a Middle Eastern civil war. What is needed here is a means of ending Hussein's brutalities without committing large numbers of US forces.

One way to reach for that objective is to obtain an immediate UN resolution charging Saddam Hussein with war crimes, while at the same time offering a large reward, say \$30,000,000, to anyone who holds him long enough for US Special Forces to seize him and take him into custody. This would bring us several quick benefits:

First, it would greatly increase the chances of his being turned in by his own Guards. Others have no doubt attempted to issue a bounty on the tyrant, but nobody has ever before had a half million-man army occupying a good part of Iraq. This confers a singular advantage to the US. It is now a great deal easier for a few of Hussein's people to hold him in place while they call in Special Forces than it was for them to transport him long distances surreptitiously to a foreign nation. Were this to succeed it would pretty well put an end to the civil war in Iraq -- without committing large numbers of US forces.

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Failing that, it would make it a great deal harder for him to conduct his battles because it would force him to divert his attention at all times toward the many who might turn him in.

Finally, a charge of war crimes would legitimize all efforts to bring him to justice, including a bounty on the man. Basically, the gist of this plan is: apprehend Hussein and tie him up endlessly in court.

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