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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 16, 1991

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE TED WEISS

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RESOLVE TO EQUAL  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 16, 1991

*Ted*  
Dear Congressman Weiss:

Thank you for your letter to the President of April 12, 1991 about the situation inside Iraq. We share your concern about the Iraqi Government's brutal use of force against its political opponents and innocent Iraqi civilians.

We considered the course of action you proposed. We believe that shooting down Iraqi helicopters would have had marginal effect on the ultimate outcome of the rebellion. In addition, direct military intervention by the coalition in support of Iraq's political opposition would have risked embroiling us in either a protracted civil war or the long term political administration of Iraq. Neither was an objective of the coalition; nor would they have been in the U.S. national interest. 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.

As you know, we are urgently responding to the grave humanitarian tragedy that Iraq's repression has created. The President has directed the initiation of the most massive 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 temporary encampments in northern Iraq where relief supplies for refugees will be made available in large quantities and distributed in an orderly way, we will be able to provide massive relief assistance. This is being accomplished with the help of the Turkish government and our other allies.

To deter Iraqi military intervention against these operations, security is being provided by U.S., British, French and other friendly air and ground forces to give the Kurdish refugees the confidence to return to Iraq. This process has already begun. It is our hope that the responsibility for these facilities will be assumed by the United Nations and international relief organizations as soon as it is operationally feasible.

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

Sincerely,

*Brent*  
Brent Scowcroft

The Honorable Ted Weiss  
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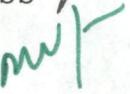
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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS 

FROM: SANDRA CHARLES 

SUBJECT: Response to Congressman Weiss on Iraq

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

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RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

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

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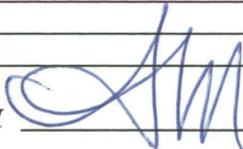
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Thank you again for your interest in writing.

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There are now over one million Kurdish refugees on the border of Iran and more than 300,000 along the Turkish border. These refugees, who have fled Saddam Hussein's merciless brutality, are in desperate need of food and medical supplies.

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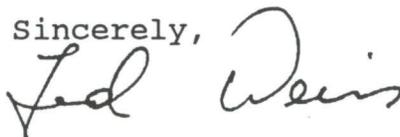
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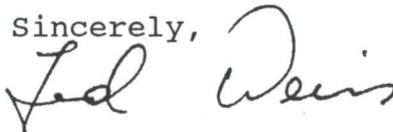
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