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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 18, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN, ON BEHALF OF MR. JERRY
BAUMAN, REGARDING THE U.S. ABANDONING THE
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ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

18TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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President George Bush
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Date June 10, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: The President

From: Congressman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

Date: April 16, 1991

Subject: Abandoning the Kurds

WH Referral Dated: May 1, 1991

NSCS ID# (if any): 230811

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:

for Sophia Sarkis
Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Ms. Ros-Lehtinen:

I am replying to your April 16 letter forwarding the concerns of your constituent, Mr. Jerry Bauman, regarding the situation in Iraq.

We share your concern for the welfare of the Iraqi people suffering in the aftermath of the popular uprising against Saddam Hussein's regime. For that reason, the United States is playing a leading role in an unprecedented international relief effort for Iraqi refugees and displaced persons.

Through Operation Provide Comfort, U.S. military forces have acted on a massive scale to meet the needs of well over half a million Iraqis--mostly Kurds--forced to flee their homes. Logistical assistance provided by U.S. and coalition forces has enabled thousands to begin the journey back from remote mountain camps to their homes in Iraq. These humanitarian efforts continue, even as United Nations organizations deploy personnel and resources throughout the country and begin assuming responsibility for the relief campaign our forces have initiated so successfully.

The United States and our coalition partners launched Operation Desert Storm with strong international support and clear, limited objectives defined by the UN Security Council and specifically endorsed by the Congress. Becoming involved in an Iraqi civil war to overthrow Saddam Hussein or remake the Iraqi government was never among the aims defined by the Administration, the Congress, the United Nations or the coalition.

The President has been extremely clear and consistent on this point. While we favor the replacement of Saddam Hussein by a more representative and responsible leadership, neither the President nor any other U.S. official ever offered U.S. military support for a civil uprising.

The Honorable
Ileana Ros-Lehtinen,
House of Representatives.

For many years, the U.S. government has encouraged the Iraqi government to improve its abysmal human rights record and use Iraq's rich oil resources to benefit all of the country's ethnic, religious and ideological groups. We are sensitive to the legitimate concerns of the Kurds and Iraq's other minorities. However, the U.S. government opposes any change in the established borders of Iraq, Iran or Turkey, nor do we envisage direct U.S. intervention to shape a successor regime. As President Bush has said, these are matters for the Iraqi people.

Nevertheless, the United States has a clear interest in the course of events in Iraq. Saddam Hussein has a great deal to answer for, and President Bush has made it clear that the U.S. government will not have normal relations with Iraq as long as Saddam remains in power. We will continue to support humanitarian relief efforts until UN authorities are in place throughout Iraq and refugees and displaced persons can return to their homes in safety and dignity. More broadly, U.S. policy will continue to advance our vision of a democratic, tolerant Iraq which respects the rights of all its citizens, including Kurds, and lives at peace with its neighbors.

Sincerely,


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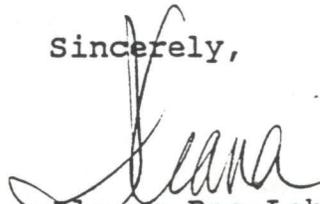
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