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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 19, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. FOUAD L. DARWEESH

SUBJECT: VIEWS REGARDING THE SITUATION INVOLVING THE
KURDS IN IRAQ

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May 14, 1991



Dr. Fouad L. Darweesh
Executive Committee
Kurdish National Congress
of North America
1913 W. Harle Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804

Dear Mr. Darweesh:

I have for reply your April 3 letter to the President on the situation in Iraq and the plight of the Kurdish people.

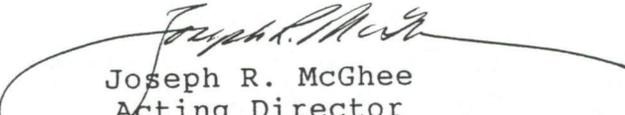
The United States is playing a leading role in the unprecedented international relief effort for Iraqi refugees and displaced persons. Through Operation Provide Comfort, U.S. military forces have acted on a massive scale to meet the needs of well over half a million Iraqis--mostly Kurds--forced to flee their homes in the aftermath of the popular uprising against Saddam Hussein's regime. 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.

As you may know, State Department officials have had several meetings in recent weeks with Kurdish representatives from Iraq, Europe and this country (including Dr. Asad Khailany, President of the Kurdish National Congress of North America). We look forward to continuing exchanges with the Kurdish leadership. Such contacts can be particularly useful while the international effort to assist refugees and displaced persons continues in northern Iraq and adjoining areas of Turkey and Iran.

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,


Joseph R. McGhee
Acting Director
Office of Northern Gulf Affairs
(Iran and Iraq)

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 230958

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 3, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: DR. FOUAD L. DARWEESH
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SUBJECT: VIEWS REGARDING THE SITUATION INVOLVING THE
KURDS IN IRAQ

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Date May 16, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Dr. Fouad L. Darweesh

Date: April 3, 1991

Subject: Situation in Iraq and Plight of Kurdish people

WH Referral Dated: April 23, 1991

NSCS ID# (if any): 230958

 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:

R. G. Gulespic
Director
Secretariat Staff

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1913 West Harle Avenue
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April 3, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

There is a genocide going on which must be stopped. The same brutal dictator of Iraq who has violated every international law and supported terrorist organizations, continues to be the source of threatening peace in the world, slaughtering thousands of innocent people, bombing hospitals and refugee camps, causing environmental damage comparable to Chernobyl.

God is watching America. We have a sacred obligation as a kinder, gentler nation to protect the oppressed, the starving, the wounded, the helpless. We must stop this inhumane criminal. Saddam Hussein has made every member of his party a killer. They share his crimes. To replace him with another member of the Baath Party will only perpetuate more of the same acts.

Mr. President, I am a proud American citizen of Kurdish background. The Kurds belong to an ancient nation who have lived in the same place for thousands of years. They have struggled to maintain their language and culture in the face of oppression and subjugation. The Kurdish people have attained a unique position in the annals of modern suffering. Hardly a form of torture or type of lethal weapon or form of cruelty has not been inflicted upon them. Repeated promises of autonomy have been broken to them. The Kurds love freedom and will never stop struggling until it is theirs. This is a universal right for all people, that of self-determination. Surely twenty-five million people deserve this.

I appeal to you, as the leader of the free world thinking of your place in history, as a grandfather who loves his family even as Kurdish children are precious in the eyes of their grandfathers, to stop this evil man and his party and the killing of thousands of people. Long live America! Long live democracy! Long live peace and justice on earth! God bless you, Mr. President!

Sincerely yours,

Fouad L. Darweesh

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