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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 22, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN, ON BEHALF OF MS. LOURDES TRIGO, REGARDING THE SITUATION WITH THE KURDS IN IRAQ

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9107867

Date July 11, 1991

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

JUL 11 1991

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

Date: 4/17/91

Subject: Expresses concern, on behalf of Ms. Lourdes

Trigo, regarding the situation with the Kurds in Iraq.

WH Referral Dated: 5/3/91
NSCS ID# (if any): 231336

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:

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UNCLASSIFIED

Sadia Sauleh
Director
Secretariat Staff



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Ms. Ros-Lehtinen:

I am responding to your April 17 letter to the President expressing the concerns of your constituent, Ms. Lourdes Trigo. The U.S. Government shares her concern for all refugees/displaced persons fleeing to other areas of Iraq and neighboring countries in the wake of Saddam Hussein's brutality.

The U.S. Government, in coordination with other governments and international organizations, has been actively involved in providing assistance to these refugees and displaced persons. Our immediate objective to provide life-sustaining assistance to the Iraqis on the Turkish border has been accomplished. The long-term objectives of assisting the Iraqis to return home voluntarily and turning the operation over to the United Nations are well-advanced. The United Nations took over responsibility for refugee relief on June 7.

Operation Provide Comfort, the relief effort mounted for the Iraqis in Turkey and Iraqis massed at the Turkish/Iraqi border, is the largest U.S. relief effort mounted in modern military history. Assistance provisions include: food, potable water, shelter, and medical care for the refugees/displaced persons. As of June 10, over thirty countries were reported to have contributed over \$740 million and grants and relief supplies to the international humanitarian effort for Iraqi refugees and displaced persons.

I hope this information will be helpful in responding to your constituent.

Sincerely,

Janet G. Mullins
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable
Ileana Ros-Lehtinen,
U.S. House of Representatives.

April 24, 1991

Dear Ileana:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President regarding the correspondence you received from Ms. Lourdes Trigo of Miami, Florida, concerning the plight of the Kurdish people in Iraq.

We appreciate being apprised of your constituent's perspective in this important area. Many difficult challenges lie ahead, and President Bush believes the views of individual Americans can play an invaluable role in guiding his Administration's efforts to meet those challenges. You may be assured that your constituent's comments have been shared with his advisors.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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for Legislative Affairs

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REFERRAL

MAY 3, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 17, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN, ON BEHALF OF MS. LOURDES
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IN IRAQ

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

18TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

April 17, 1991

Trigo
President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Member of Congress

IRL/dlp

cc: Ms. Lourdes Trigo
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Miami, FL 33144

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