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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 24, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JALAL TALABANI

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE USE OF AMERICAN FORCES TO
PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND PROTECTION OF
REFUGEES IN IRAQI KURDISTAN; OFFERS
SUGGESTIONS TO GUARANTEE THEIR SAFETY

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9107413

Date April 30, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Mr. Jalal Talabani

Date: April 18, 1991

Subject: Support for the use of American forces to provide humanitarian relief and protection to refugees in Iraq Kurdistan; offers suggestions to guarantee their safety

WH Referral Dated: April 26, 1991

NSCS ID# (if any): 232384

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: The Department has met with Talabani's representatives twice and will do so again on 04/30. His concerns are being addressed in these meetings.



Director
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THE WHITE HOUSE 9107413 ICE

REFERRAL '91 APR-26 1:30 PM

APRIL 26, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 232384

MEDIA: FAX DATED APRIL 18, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. JALAL TALABANI
IRAQI KURDISTAN FRONT
BM BOX 5576
LONDON WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

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16 April 1991

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President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC, USA.

Dear Mr President,

I wish sincerely to thank you on behalf of the Kurdish people for your action in ordering the use of American forces to provide humanitarian relief and protection to refugees in Iraqi Kurdistan. This action will undoubtedly help save the lives of many thousands of our people.

The proposed "safe havens" on the Turkish border are an important first step in helping to provide humanitarian aid and in protecting our people from the continuing war of genocide being waged by Saddam Hussein. In this respect, I hope you will agree with me that an urgent priority must be the establishment of a similar Protection Zone on the borders with Iran, where large numbers of Kurdish refugees are concentrated in great peril and in appalling conditions.

As has been, almost universally, stressed the overriding need is to enable the Kurdish people to return to their homes in safety under the protection of the United Nations. This is the only feasible solution which will meet both the vast humanitarian needs of millions of innocent Kurdish men, women and children, even in the short-term, and also provide a solution that will protect their right to safety, peace and security. It would be a terrible irony if the "safe havens", however well motivated their establishment, were to become a means by which Saddam Hussein was enabled to achieve the objective of his war of genocide, which is to depopulate Kurdistan. Kurdish people must be enabled to leave compounds on the borders of their own lands and to return home.

This will only be made possible if there are international guarantees for their safety. I suggest the following course of action to create a viable legal and political framework to achieve this objective:-

1. The Proclamation by the Security Council of a temporary United Nations Protection zone in Iraqi Kurdistan. U.N. observers to be sent to the area to monitor the absence of the apparatus of Iraqi military repression and to organise the return of the refugees and the continuation of the humanitarian relief operations for as long as necessary in the area. The Proclamation expressly to state that none of the U.N. operations affect Iraq's territorial integrity.

2. The U.N. immediately to initiate discussions leading to an internationally guaranteed regime of autonomy for Iraqi Kurdistan, this regime to acknowledge the territorial integrity of Iraq, but to be based on an International Statute to provide for the protection of the human and collective rights of the Kurdish people.

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I believe that these proposals are realistic and workable. Iraq and other U.N. members would welcome the reaffirmation of Iraq's territorial integrity and U.N. involvement would be of a sufficiently high level to provide both short and long-term protection for the people of Iraqi Kurdistan.

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I again thank you on behalf of the people of Iraqi Kurdistan. I urge you to seriously consider these detailed proposals, which I believe are the best hope for humanitarian relief, and for the peace and security of the refugees, Iraq and the region as a whole.

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