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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: PROFESSOR ISRAEL W. CHARNY

SUBJECT: PROTESTS THE AMERICAN INDIFFERENCE AND
COMPLICITY IN THE IRAQI MURDERS OF MASSES
OF KURDS

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Date May 17, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Professor Israel W. Charny

Date: April 10, 1991

Subject: Protests American indifference and complicity
in the Iraqi murders of masses of Kurds

WH Referral Dated: April 26, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 232733

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 Ibrahim Saadun
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 15, 1991

Professor Israel W. Charny
Executive Director
Institute on the Holocaust and Genocide
P.O. Box 10311
91102 Jerusalem

Dear Professor Charny:

I have for reply your April 10 letter to President Bush on the situation in Iraq and the plight of the Kurdish people.

We share your concern for the welfare of the Iraqi people suffering in the aftermath of the popular uprising against Saddam Hussein's regime. Far from being indifferent, 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 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.

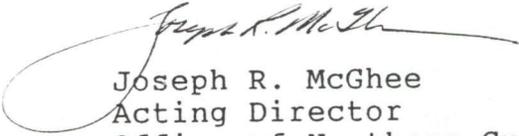
I must take particular exception to your allegation of U.S. complicity in Saddam Hussein's brutal repression against the people of Iraq. The United States and our coalition partners launched Operation Desert Storm with strong international support and clear, limited objectives defined by the UN Security 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.

President Bush has been extremely clear and consistent on this point. While we would 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.

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 all its neighbors.

Sincerely,



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

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 10, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: PROFESSOR ISRAEL W. CHARNY
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April 10, 1991

**PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**THE INSTITUTE ON THE HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE IN JERUSALEM PROTESTS
AMERICAN INDIFFERENCE AND COMPLICITY IN THE IRAQI MURDERS OF MASSES
OF KURDS.**

**FOR ALL OF US WHO HOPED AND BELIEVED THAT THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL
INTERVENTION IN KUWAIT MARKED A NEW WORLD ORDER, THE U.S. DELIVERY
OF THE KURDS TO THE MURDERING HANDS OF SADDAM HUSSEIN--WHOM YOU
CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED AS A NEW HITLER--IS THE GRAVEST DISAPPOINTMENT
AND BETRAYAL OF AN IDEAL.**

**WE PRAY FOR A NEW WORLD ORDER WHERE COURAGEOUS LEADERS OF THE WORLD,
LED BY THE GREAT DEMOCRACIES, WILL INTERVENE TO STOP ANY INSTANCE OF
MASS MURDER AND GENOCIDE, IRRESPECTIVE OF "REALPOLITIK"
CONSIDERATIONS WHATSOEVER.**

**PROF. ISRAEL W. CHARNY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Member of the recently formed COMMISSION ON WAR TERMINATION AND
PEACE BUILDING SCENARIOS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST of the INTERNATIONAL
PEACE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION**

**cc Prof. Elise Boulding, Secretary-General, International Peace
Research Association, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO**

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