

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 06, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. KHALIL E. JAHSHAN

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RESTORE NORMALCY AND
STABILITY IN IRAQ AND PROTECT THE KURDS

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July 16, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR LISA BATTAGLIA

FROM: Shirley M. Green *Smg*

SUBJECT: State Department Draft

Attached is a draft you had requested from State Department for a April 3 letter! Frankly, it is so old and so much has happened since he wrote it, I don't know what is the best approach to take -- especially since it is a pretty pitiful draft. I have tried to clean it up a little.

If you have had further correspondence or conversation with NAAA since April, probably it is better to just close this out and file it without further response, especially since they know all that we have done for the Kurds since the time they wrote. One other possibility (in case you haven't had any contact with them) is a dodge we use sometimes when something has fallen through the cracks: Begin the letter by thanking him for his April 3 letter and then saying something like: "I apologize for this very late response; unfortunately, your letter was inadvertently attached to another document, and we have just discovered it."

Anyway, all yours to handle however you think appropriate.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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July 12, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR SHIRLEY GREEN

FROM:

WILLIAM F. SITTMANN 

SUBJECT:

Response to Jahshan Letter on Iraq

Attached at Tab A is a proposed response to a letter from Mr. Khalil E. Jahshan to the President on the situation in Iraq (Tab B).

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Tab A Response to Mr. Jahshan
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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Sincerely,

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'91 MAY-29 3:47 PM

MAY 29, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:
WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 235604

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 3, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. KHALIL E. JAHSHAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARAB
AMERICANS
SUITE 300
2033 M STREET, NW.
WASHINGTON DC 20036

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RESTORE NORMALCY AND
STABILITY IN IRAQ AND PROTECT THE KURDS

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RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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April 3, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS 

FROM: SANDRA CHARLES

SUBJECT: Response to Jahshan Letter on Iraq Issues

Attached at Tab I is a memo to Shirley Green forwarding a proposed response (Tab A) to a letter from Mr. Khalil E. Jahshan, Executive Director of the National Association of Arab Americans (Tab II). State provided the original draft reply.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to Shirley Green at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memo to Shirley Green
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

5044 S/S 9109591

Date July 3, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Mr. Khalil E. Jahshan

Date: April 3, 1991

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WH Referral Dated: May 29, 1991

NSCS ID# (if any): 235604

_____ 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 *Sadia Sauleis*
Director
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**National Security Council
The White House**

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